ARMM folk assured of peaceful polls today

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BY CARLITO PABLO

CONTROVERSIAL businessman Pacifico "Pic" Marcelo will submit a 12-page affidavit today to the Senate blue ribbon committee alleging that President Macapagal-Arroyo herself wanted "majority interest" in a telecommunications clearinghouse he was putting up, in exchange

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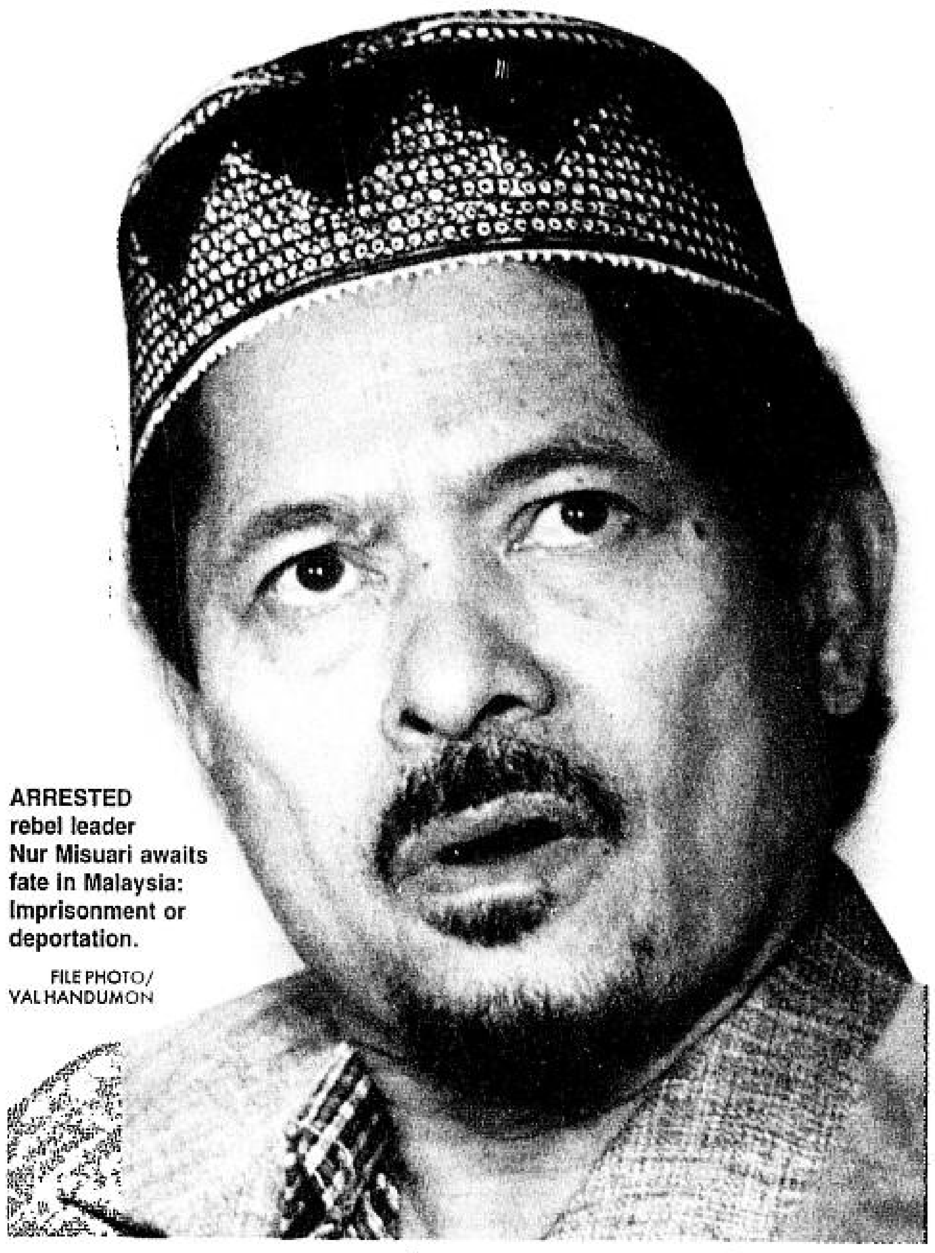

ARRESTED rebel leader Nur Misuari awaits fate in Malaysia: imprisonment or deportation.

FILE PHOTO/ VAL HANDUMON

'Personally, I want him to stay in a Malaysian jail'

BY CARLITO PABLO

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo wants Nur Misuari to stay longer in a Malaysian jail rather than see him repatriated soon, but a Malaysian minister in charge of police wishes to deport the Moro leader, who was arrested off eastern Sabah on Saturday.

"I'll be very comfortable if Malaysia deals with him first because he has violated Malaysian laws. So let them handle him," Ms Macapagal told reporters after attending Mass at the Quiapo Church in Manila.

"I am sure the investigation will take some time. Malaysia will be dealing with him, (but) personally, I want him to stay in a Malaysian jail," the President said.

Ms Macapagal said she called up Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad on Saturday night to express thanks for his government's response to Manila's earlier request to interdict Misuari.

While the Philippines and Malaysia do not have an extradition treaty, they have bilateral and multilateral arrangements covering terrorism and transnational crimes, she said.

Clueless about Ms Macapagal's preference, presidential peace adviser Eduardo Ermita said Malacañang wanted Misuari extradited to the Philippines.

"The instructions of the (Presidential) Palace are to request that he be turned over. But we will respect the right of Malaysian authorities to conduct their own investigation," Ermita said in a radio interview.

Foreign Undersecretary Lauro Baja said that in the absence of an extradition treaty, "we can request as a matter of diplomatic courtesy, friendship among nations, that he be brought back here."

Malaysia and the Philippines share a common maritime border and are members of the 10-nation Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean).

Asked when the Philippines could expect Malaysia to hand over Misuari, Baja said: "Within the next few days, it will be resolved."

Deputy Premier Abdullah Ahmad Badawi was quoted as saying by the Malaysian Sunday Star newspaper that Kuala Lumpur had to hand over Misuari to Manila as both countries belong to the Asean.

"If he is kept in Malaysia, we will be accused of harboring him or even meddling in the internal affairs of the Philippines," said Abdullah, who is also home minister in charge of police.

"The Philippine government wants him. We will send him back," he said.

But Abdullah said Malaysia had not made a decision yet on when to return Misuari to the Philippines, where a rebellion he led killed 113 people last week.

"The timing is not set yet," he told reporters in the Sabah state capital Kota Kinabalu.

Misuari and six of his followers were ar-

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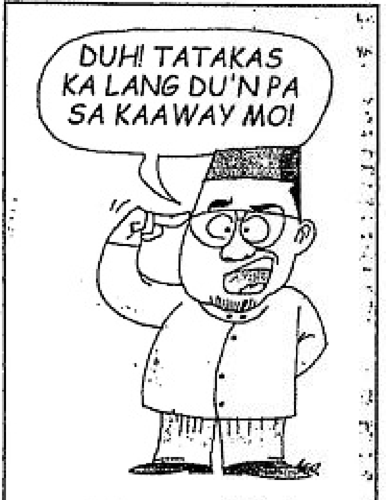

DUH! TATAKAS KA LANG DU'N PA SA KAAWAY MO!

'Stupid,' MILF says of Misuari

BY ALEX M. YOUNG
PDI Mindanao Bureau

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Another Moro leader had only one word to describe Nur Misuari's attempted escape to Sabah, Malaysia: "Stupid."

Ah, how the mighty have fallen.

Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) spokesperson Eid Kabalu chided Misuari

MILF/ A20

Ex-Isafp chief denies links to Nida Blanca

BY FE ZAMORA
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RETIRED Brig. Gen. Galileo Kintanar yesterday categorically denied reports linking him to any casino financing business and to slain movie actress Nida Blanca.

Kintanar, chief of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines from 1987 to 1990, said the reports were "lamentable and disturbing." He said he spent all of Saturday explaining to relatives, friends and former colleagues his side of the story.

"I have never met Nida Blanca in my life. I have only seen her on TV and (the) movies," Kintanar said.

As for reports he was engaged in casino financing, he said: "I would like to categorically say this is not true. I am not a gambler. I have no money to gamble or to lend to gamblers."

The National Bureau of Investigation is set to conduct today a battery of tests—psychological, drug use and polygraph—on Philip Medel Jr., the alleged killer. It is also set to investigate Medel's links to Kintanar.

"Medel will go through all of those tests on Monday. We will get the permission of his relatives," said Edmund Arugay, head of the NBI's National Capital Region Office.

While President Macapagal-Arroyo has ordered the NBI to take the lead in the investiga-

EX-ISAFP/ A20

Gloria assures ARMM folk of peaceful polls

BY CARLITO PABLO
AND PDI MINDANAO BUREAU

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday asked the people of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao to go out and vote in today's elections, assuring them of peaceful and orderly polls with the arrest in Malaysia of outgoing Gov. Nur Misuari.

Ms Macapagal said that with Misuari locked up in a Malaysian jail, "we expect a rapid return of normalcy" in the ARMM, which covers Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, Maguindanao, Lanao del Sur, Basilan and Marawi City.

"This is important because of the forthcoming election in the ARMM which Misuari intended to disrupt and subvert," Ms Macapagal told reporters after hearing Mass at the Quiapo Church in Manila.

The President was referring to the Nov. 20 attacks staged by loyalists of Misuari, who was recently ousted as chair of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF).

The government has filed rebellion charges against Misuari. He and six associates were arrested Saturday by Malaysian authorities for entering Malaysia without proper travel papers.

Malacañang is backing the slate

GMA/ A19

AN ARMALITE rifle and a Commission on Elections representative guard ballot boxes at Camp Teodulfo Bautista in Jolo, Sulu, for distribution to voting precincts for today's elections in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

VAL HANDUMON

Taliban's northern citadel falls

BANGI, Afghanistan—Elated Northern Alliance troops shouting "Let's go to Kunduz!" entered the Taliban's last northern citadel on Sunday, and alliance commanders said Taliban and foreign defenders by the thousands were surrendering peacefully as planned.

The alliance expressed hopes the takeover of the city, which it besieged for 12 days, would be complete by nightfall—and until it was, militant holdouts remained a menace.

The surrender accord took days to hammer out, primarily because hardcore Taliban and troops loyal to Osama bin Laden did not want to give up.

The fall of Kunduz would mark the loss of the Taliban's last garrison in the north of Afghanistan, leaving the Islamic militia with a stronghold only in the southern city of Kandahar. Over the past three weeks, the Taliban have lost three-quarters of their territory and the capital, Kabul.

The Northern Alliance's first thrust into the city was from the western front. To its east, wind whipped up huge billows of dust as a long column of troops and tanks waited to move in—first allowing a long column of surrendering Taliban to pass by.

"Hurry, let's go!" their commander yelled. "Let's go! Let's go!" soldiers shouted back.

"I feel very happy," said an excited 16-year-old Northern Alliance fighter, Maraj Adin, who is from Kunduz and hasn't been home in four years.

First word that the alliance had breached the city limits came from its spokesperson Ashraf Nadeem, who was interviewed by satellite telephone from the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif.

He identified the commander who entered from the west at midday as Mir Alam, a top lieutenant of Gen. Atta Mohammed.

Mohammed, reached later by satellite telephone about 30 km northeast of Kunduz at Arganak, confirmed that a vanguard of Alam's troops had moved into the city from its western edge when they met no resistance.

"Some of our brothers have moved in, but slowly, slowly. We want to do these things peacefully," he said. "Let them surrender, hand over their arms. We don't want fighting."

He said the number of troops surrendering had mounted into the thousands by mid-afternoon.

Another top commander, Rashid

TALIBAN/ A14

Gov't scores strongest point in foreign affairs

BY AMANDO DORONILA

ANALYSIS

THE MACAPAGAL administration has been in office long enough (10 months) to allow the public to measure its accomplishments.

This article assesses President Macapagal-Arroyo's performance in the framework of five key issues—law and order; the economy; the fight on corruption; the war on poverty; political stability; and foreign affairs. Unexpectedly, her administration scored its strongest point in foreign affairs; but its weakest performance was in law and order.

Foreign policy is normally not the banner performer in Philippine administrations. It was hardly mentioned in the President's State of the Nation Address in July indicating the domestic focus of her administration and the low priority given to international diplomacy as a tool for advancing national interests.

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States, however, shifted the focus to foreign affairs. Ms Macapagal's instantaneous support

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SANA MAS MAAYOS ANG RESULTA NG IMBESTIGASYON D'YAN!

Second FRONT PAGE

Slain Comelec exec buried; 'vital witness' going to NBI

By Philip C. Tubeza
and Blanche S. Rivera

COMELEC director Velma Cinco was laid to rest in quiet rites at the Makati South Cemetery yesterday even the investigation into her slaying, believed to be connected to the bitter infighting at the poll body, has hardly taken off.

National Bureau of Investigation officials said they expected to get the testimony of a vital witness today.

An NBI official, who asked not to be named, said the witness would be interviewed at the NBI headquarters, "with the help of the Cinco family."

The source said the witness had apparently seen the two motorcycle-riding gunmen minutes before the ambush last Tuesday.

Cinco, 62, who died from gunshot wounds on her head and body, was on her way to work with her son Carlo, who was driving, and sister Marian S. Jayme when their car was ambushed at the corner of Eden and Pedro Gil streets in Manila.

The witness might be able to give a clear description of Cinco's killers, the source said.

The family of the slain Cinco has appealed to the authorities to hasten the resolution of the murder case, which rocked the feuding top leadership at the Comelec last week.

Cinco's children have identified lawyer Angelina Matibag, Cinco's predecessor at the Comelec's education and information department and a friend of controversial commissioner Luz Tancangco, as the one who had issued death threats against their mother.

The source said the NBI and the Western Police District, whose own task force is investigating the murder, would be conferring today to compare notes, particularly regarding the results of their ballistics tests on the four spent .9 mm bullets found at the crime scene.

The investigators are also expected to confirm if both their findings show that the bullets were fired from the .9 mm gun of Comelec clerk Laverne Mark Manzano, a security aide of Matibag.

Manzano was released after he was able to show that his gun had the proper permits, the source said.

The source said the NBI and the WPD are working closely to solve Cinco's murder.

"Compared with the Nida Blanca killing, we have a much better coordination with the police in this case," the NBI official added.

Comelec chair Alfredo Benipayo, with whose camp Cinco was identified, led the pallbearers which included Cinco's five children.

"Velma was one of the Comelec's best and bravest," Benipayo said in a statement. "In spite of numerous threats on her life and welfare, she remained staunchly at her post, preferring to work under duress than turn her back on her sworn duty while living in comfortable anonymity."

CINCO: Slow investigation

Benipayo said he would ensure that Cinco's "strength and courage" would become the standard for all Comelec officials.

"It will be the high watermark for dedication to the service, and it will be her greatest and most enduring legacy to the women and men of the Commission on elections," Benipayo said.

Cinco's killing has triggered a round of finger-pointing at the Comelec, with Benipayo hinting that Matibag, who was recently dismissed from her job, could have had a hand in the killing.

Benipayo, who had appointed Cinco to the EID to replace Matibag last April, has assured Cinco's family that he and his commissioner allies would work to secure justice for Cinco, who served the Comelec for 33 years.

Police, however, have yet to find evidence to link Matibag, who has denied any involvement in the crime, to the murder.

"I am very eager and willing to give my statement to police," Matibag told the INQUIRER in an earlier phone interview.

"But no one has invited me yet. I am not that stupid to order her killing. I know I will be the suspect because we have had clashes before," Matibag said.

'Bayani' foundation to honor 6 martyrs

SIX persons who risked their lives fighting the martial law regime of Ferdinand Marcos will be honored by a private foundation that "nurtures the memory" of those who faced up to the dictatorship.

Four of the honorees died in the course of their struggle.

The Bantayog ng mga Bayani Foundation Inc., which was organized in 1986 to honor those who "gave their lives to the cause of freedom and justice," will add the names of the six to the 113 now on its Wall of Remembrance.

The six are historian Renato Constantino, businessman Jaime V. Ongpin and student activists Jennifer "Jingjing" Carino, Armando "Mandrake" Palabay, Jessica Sales and Manuel Bautista.

The four students were from the University of the Philippines who were either killed or disappeared between 1974 and 1977, the "darkest years of martial law."

The Bantayog rites will be held on Nov. 29 at 3 p.m. at the foundation's Wall of Remembrance located at Edsa corner Quezon Avenue in Diliman, Quezon City.

The four students will join the list of martial law "martyrs," while Constantino and Ongpin will be listed as martial law "heroes."

Bantayog does research on and documents the lives of those Filipinos it deems to have lived exemplary lives, building an archive around them.

During the rites, Bantayog will also break ground for a Balay Bayani, a building to house the foundation's archives and library that would contain martial law materials that will be made available to researchers, students and other interested parties.

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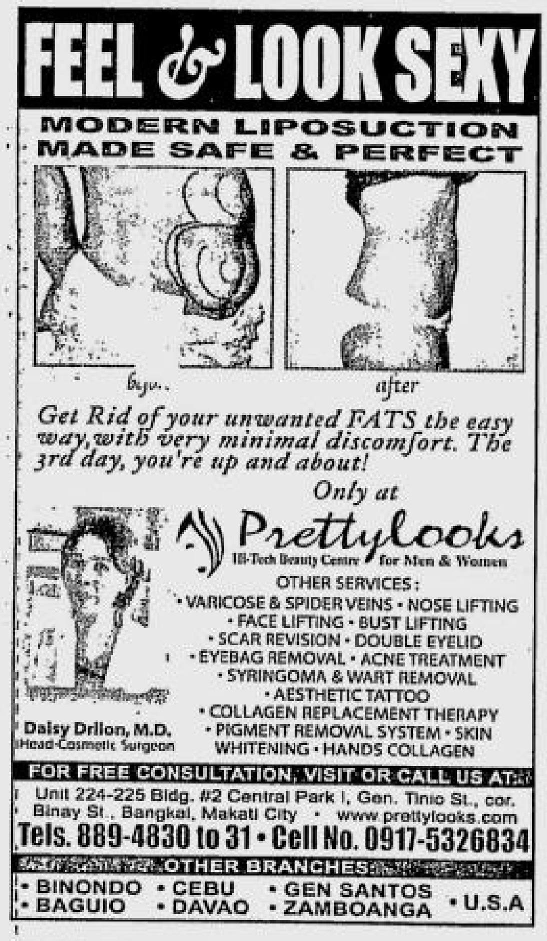
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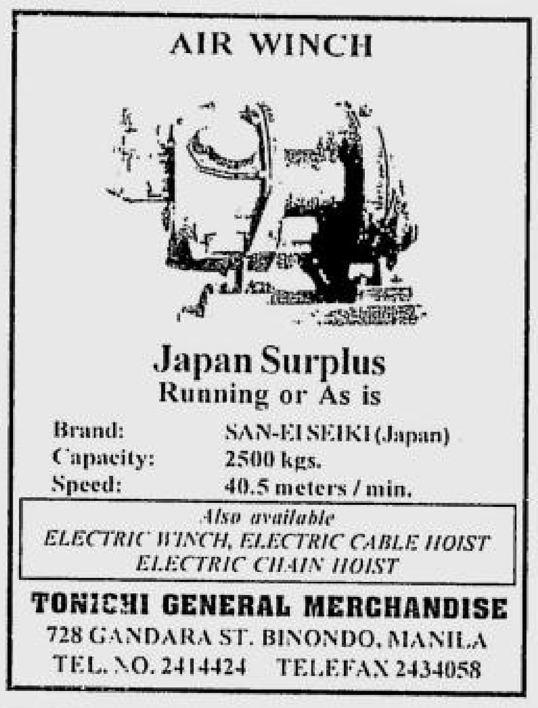
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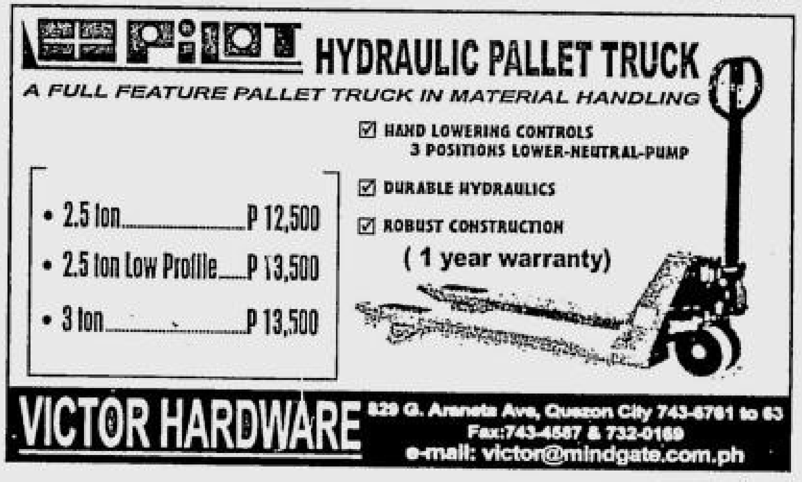
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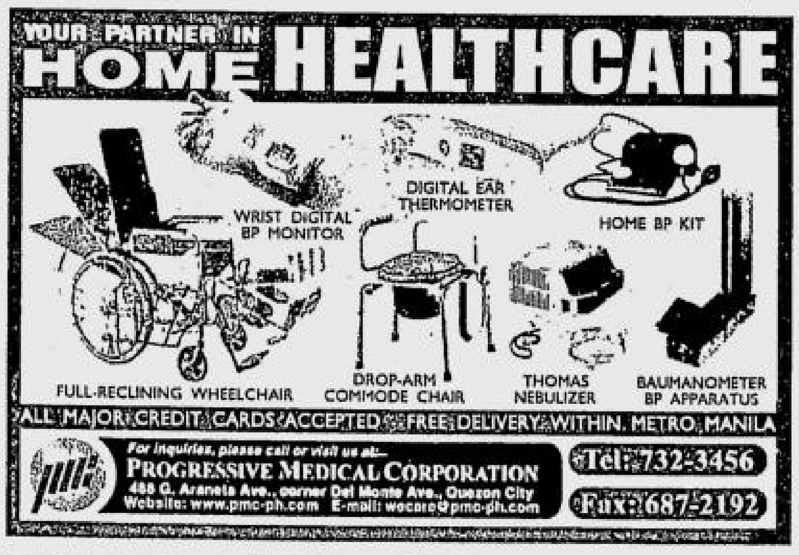
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'Gimmick': After work, 2 senators have fun

VILLAR: 'You know me, I'm scared of the wife'

DE CASTRO: 'A fun way to bond with the youth'

By Rocky Nazareno

CLARK FIELD, PAMPANGA— Senators Manuel Villar and Noli de Castro wanted to treat their media friends to a night of fun after an exhausting 10-hour economic workshop here.

But the neophyte solons ended up having fun themselves, dancing and partying with about 500 youngsters who packed a local music hall here on Saturday night.

"Now I think I know what the word "gimmick' means," said Villar.

The senators tried to keep a low profile when they entered the Buzzky bar here only to be greeted by a huge crowd chanting their names.

Amused at the attention they were getting from the young crowd, Villar and De Castro gamely gave in to requests for them to dance with some lady reporters and even with some youngsters later in the evening.

"This is definitely a fun way to bond with the youth," exclaimed De Castro.

"People have said that we senators need to feel the pulse of the people. Tonight it's not the pulse I'm feeling, it's the beat," said Villar.

Mercy, a junior college student at the Holy Angel University here, was ecstatic to be standing so close to two of the country's most popular politicians.

"They're not standoffish at all," she shouted as she danced in front of Villar and De Castro to the tune of "Dancing Queen."

The two senators gamely went up the stage to join the band.

Villar at first was reluctant to join De Castro and the media group after the fellowship dinner at the Hilltop restaurant in Mimosa.

"You know me, I'm scared of the wife," Villar said.

But when he was assured that the group, which included female broadcast and print reporters, would be going to a "wholesome" bar, he agreed to join.

"Now, I don't regret joining the group. This is actually the first time I've watched and danced with a band playing disco music. I find this exhilarating," he said.

Drilon cites critical need to pass budget

CLARK SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE— Senate President Franklin Drilon said yesterday it was very critical that the budget be passed before the year ends.

"It is very critical that we start 2002 with a new budget ready," Drilon said at close of the two-day Senate National Economic Workshop here yesterday.

"We keep on talking about the critical 2002 and we don't have a budget for that year and (would be working on the) assumptions of 1999," he said.

The 2002 national budget will focus on primary education, preventive health services, food subsidies and "most importantly" the development of Mindanao, Drilon said.

"We will be reviewing the budget along these major areas," he said.

Drilon said a realignment of priorities in the proposed P780-billion budget was "extensively discussed" during the workshop.

Sixteen of 24 senators who attended the discussions agreed to also examine the budget's thrust on the implementation of the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act (Afma), a law passed during the 10th Congress which was sponsored by opposition Sen. Edgardo Angara.

"The consensus is that there must be a full implementation and funding of the Afma," Drilon said, adding that this law was based on a "very extensive and exhaustive study of the agriculture and fishery sectors."

"There are a lot of recommendations (in the Afma) which could be the key to the development of the rural areas and of agriculture," he said.

The Senate's oversight committee would monitor the implementation of the Afma as an item of development, Drilon said. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

A protest, not a coup, say Oreta, Angara

By V.Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet— The failed attempt to unseat Senate President Franklin Drilon last week was not a power grab but a "symbolic protest" over the leadership vacuum on the day Nur Misuari attacked Jolo, two opposition senators said here Saturday.

That said, both Senators Edgardo Angara and Teresa Aquino-Oreta stressed that their bid to reorganize the Senate will not taint their "unequivocal" offer of support to the Macapagal administration "for the survival of the nation."

"There was no political leadership to guide the military (in addressing Misuari's rebellion) last week," Angara said.

He was referring to the time President Macapagal-Arroyo was in the United States on a nine-day working visit accompanied by congressional leaders like Drilon and Speaker Jose de Venecia.

Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr., who stayed behind, took off for Malaysia to attend the funeral of their king.

Misuari's armed supporters attacked a military outpost in Sulu on Nov. 19, killing four soldiers. Seven civilians and more than 100 members of Misuari's faction of the Moro National Liberation Front were killed in the ensuing military response.

From separate engagements in Benguet on Friday and Saturday, Angara and Oreta came to Clark Field in Pampanga to attend the economic summit for senators.

Oreta, who had called for the Senate reorganization last week, said opposition senators were not skirting a confrontation with administration senators over the "coup try."

"That was not a coup try despite what everyone says. That was meant to be a wake-up call because we in the opposition have been very frustrated about the (disarray) in the Senate," she told the INQUIRER.

Oreta said the agenda-setting economic summit was needed to develop a bipartisan "direction" for the Senate.

She said Drilon scheduled the summit in response to her "wake-up call."

But she admitted that the opposition also needed the summit because they wanted to be briefed about the US state visit, "and the agreements (Ms Macapagal) committed the country to in exchange for a $4.6-billion aid package."

Oreta said they also wanted to know how the President's US negotiations would affect next year's proposed P780-billion budget, as well as Malacañang's domestic and foreign policies.

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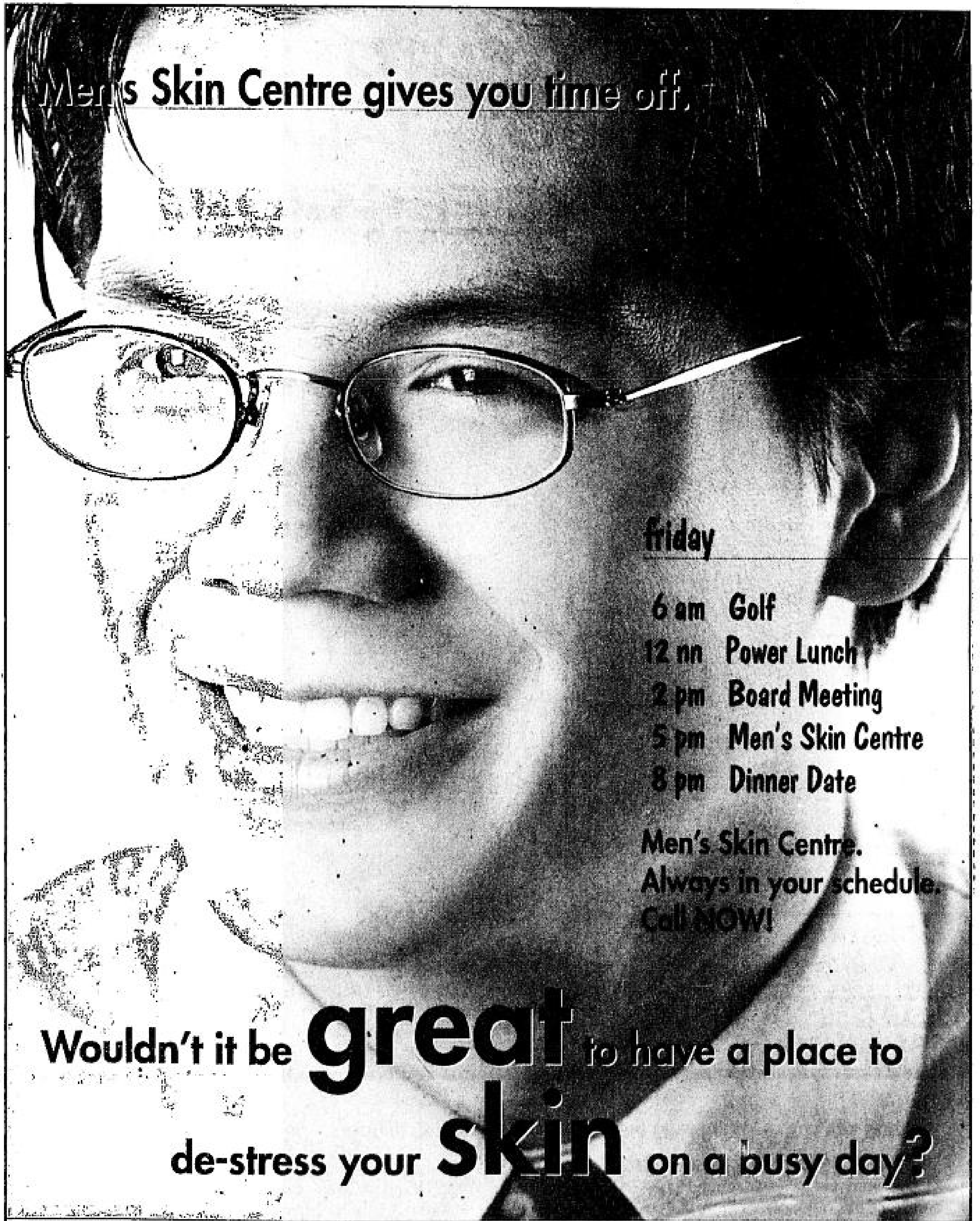
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1 soldier dead, 3 hurt, 2 missing in NPA attack

A SOLDIER was killed while three others were wounded in a gunfight with communist guerrillas in the Caraga region in Mindanao, the military said yesterday.

Patrolling soldiers encountered some 70 members of the New People's Army (NPA) in Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur on Saturday, triggering a three-hour firefight that left casualties on the government side, military spokesperson Brig. Gen. Edilberto Adan said.

"One soldier was killed, a staff sergeant, and three soldiers were wounded while two other soldiers were missing," Adan told reporters in Manila.

He said the NPA was also believed to have sustained casualties.

"We need additional troops because of the resurgence of the NPAs," Adan said.

The NPA is the armed wing of the underground Communist Party of the Philippines.

The fighting came days after the political front of the rebels said they were willing to resume stalled peace talks with Manila from Dec. 10 to 14 in Oslo, Norway.

Talks were suspended earlier this year when Manila protested the NPA killings of two legislators.

President Macapagal-Arroyo has urged the rebels to stop their killings ahead of the negotiations, noting that the government wants to hear assurances from communist leaders that no more political assassinations are carried out.

Adan said the armed forces were being strained fighting Muslim separatists and communist guerrillas in the South, noting that the military leadership was reviewing its organizational strategy amid the continued threats to security.

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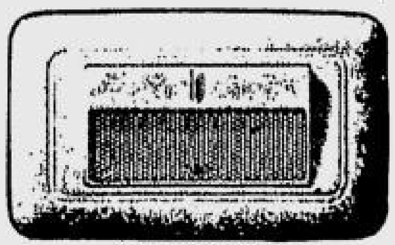
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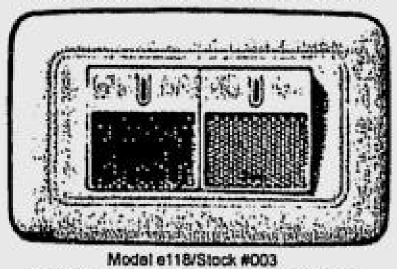
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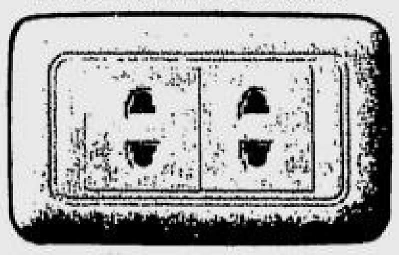
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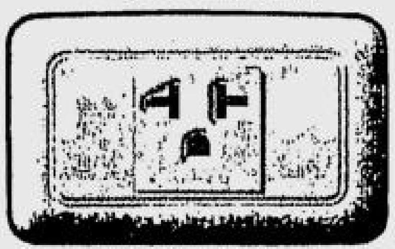
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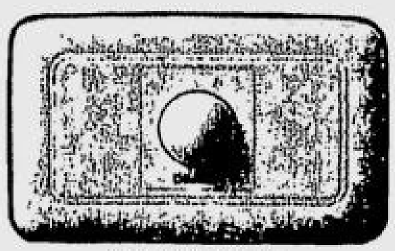
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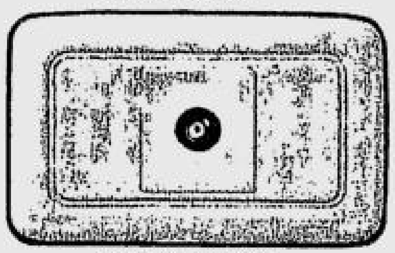
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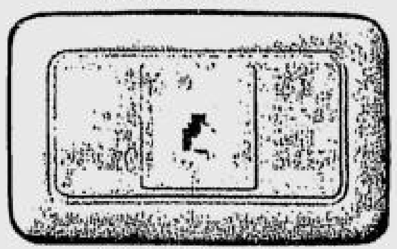
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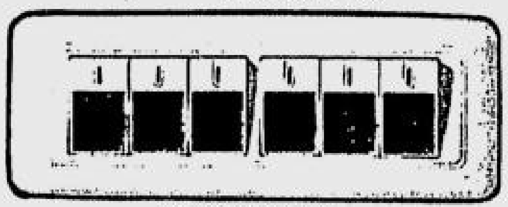
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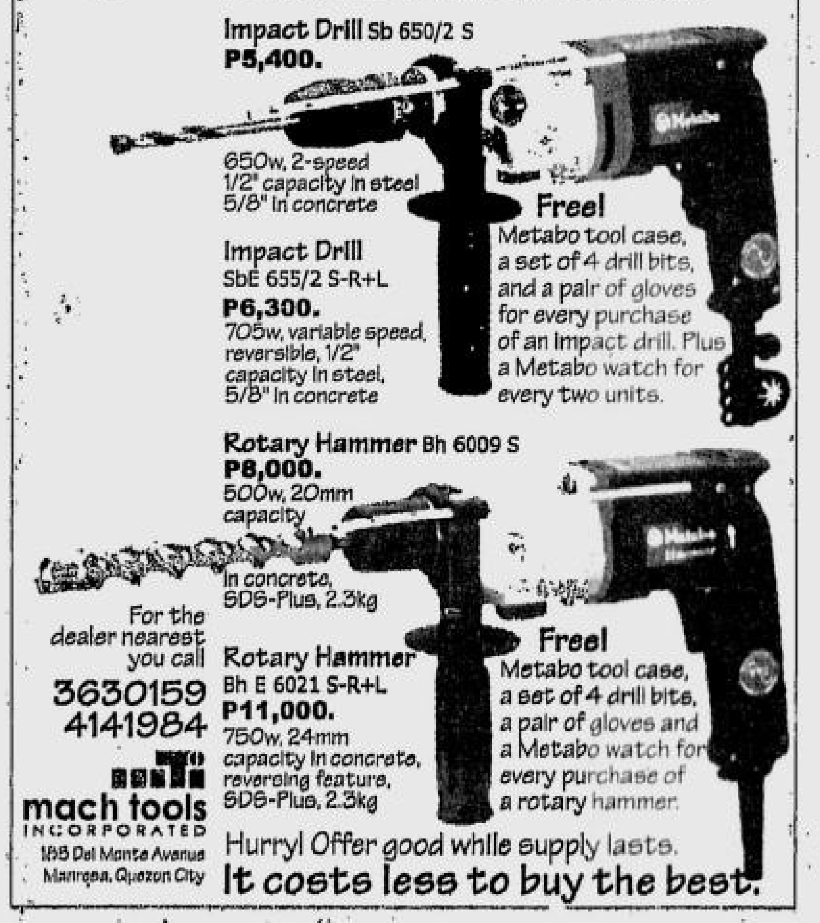

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In a 34-page complaint, Peter Anthony Abaya accused Alvarez of "oppression, harassment and incompetence." He said Alvarez "fraudulently concocted" administrative charges against him to scuttle his appointment as assistant secretary of the DENR.
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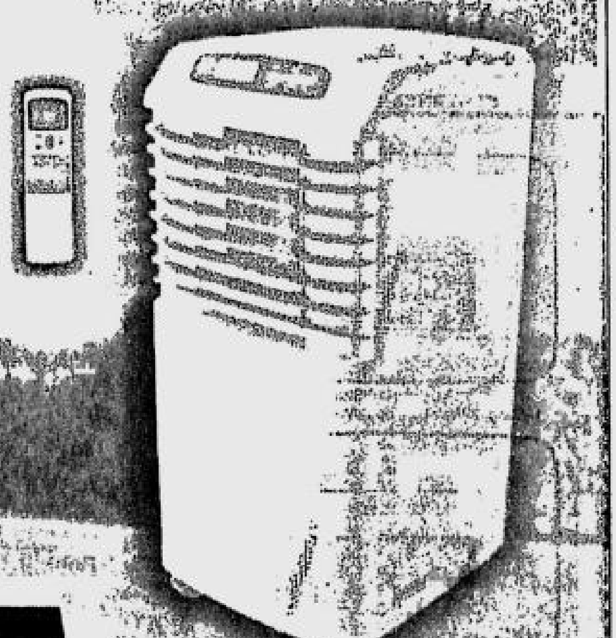

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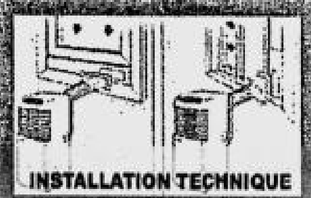

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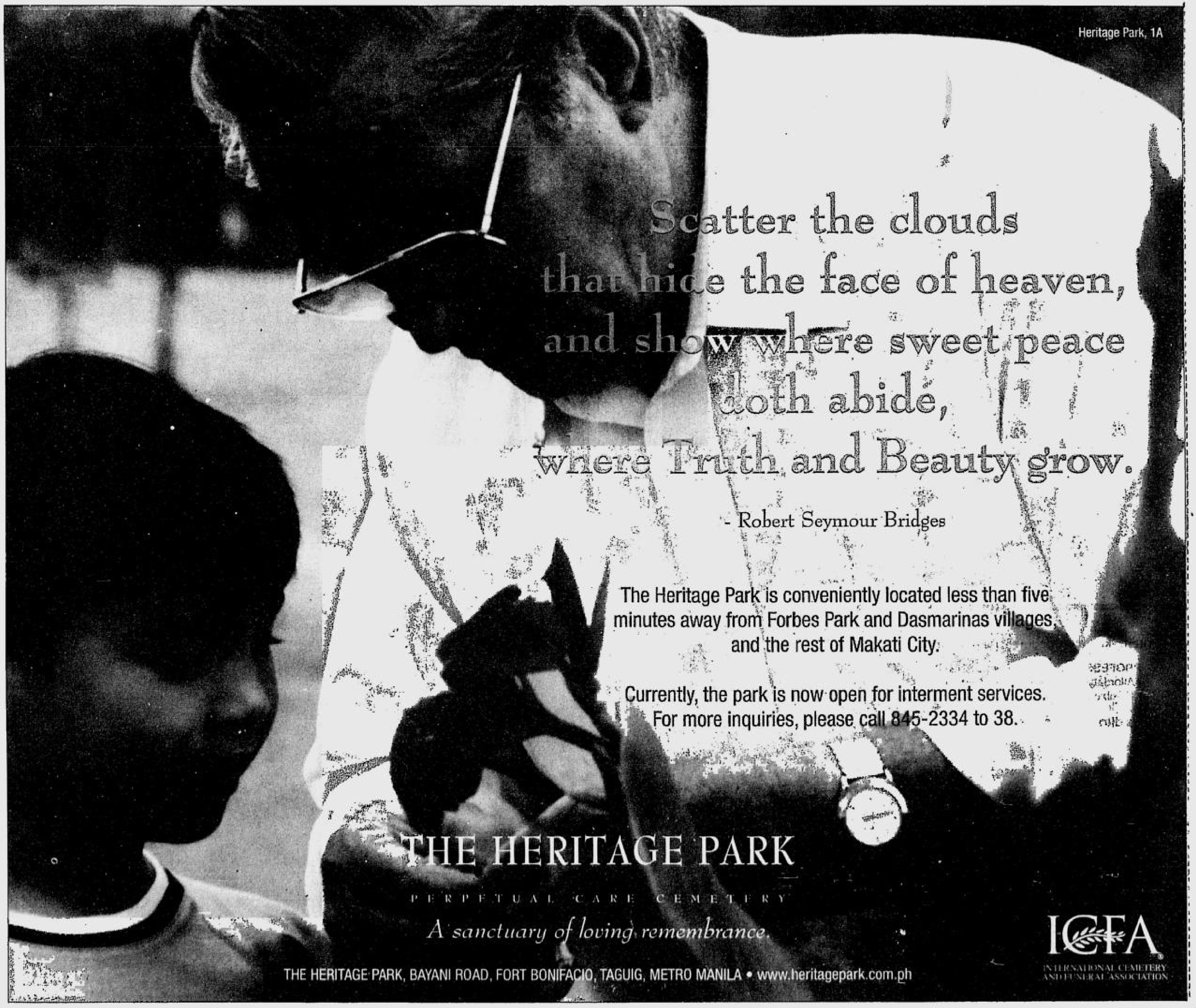

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Farmers on 'secret' coco deal: Most 'painful Christmas gift'

BY DELFIN T. MALLARI JR.
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

LUCENA CITY—A Quezon-based militant coalition of coconut farmers organizations has described the alleged secret deal between President Macapagal-Arroyo and businessman Eduardo Cojuangco to dispose of the controversial multimillion-peso coconut levy issue as the most "painful Christmas gift" they ever had.

Rene Cerilla, Ugnayan ng mga Magsasaka sa Quezon (Ugma-Quezon) president, said they have long been bothered by reports that the President was pursuing a "backdoor" compromise agreement with Cojuangco.

"But we all dismissed it as a product of political rumor mills," Cerilla said.

"But with the persistent report now all over the media, it seems that we no longer have the basis not to believe what we are afraid of," he said.

The Philippine Consultative Assembly, one of the groups claiming to have helped in installing Ms Macapagal, accused the President of negotiating with Cojuangco for a final settlement of the coconut levy money in exchange for a P20-billion campaign fund for 2004.

"President Macapagal-Arroyo has betrayed us," said Cerilla, as he recalled how Ugma-Quezon joined the hundreds of thousands of Filipinos who joined the Edsa 2 popular uprising that brought the President to Malacañang.

"We cooked and sold *bukayo* and *espasol* for the Edsa crowd just to sustain our stay. Most of us even sold our stocks of coconut charcoals in the farm just to have transportation fare to join the protest against Erap because we saw in her some hope that could alleviate our plight," he said.

"But it seems that we made a wrong decision. The coconut farmer's life under her term remains the same, if not much worse," Cerilla lamented.

He said they would go back to Edsa to join another protest.

"But this time, it will be against President Macapagal-Arroyo. The PCA can count on us. That's for sure," he said.

Jun Lontok, vice chair of the Makabayang Alyansa ng Magbubukid ng Pilipinas based in Southern Tagalog, told the INQUIRER that they would again dump tons of coconuts in front of Malacañang in protest at the "backdoor negotiations" being allegedly pursued by the President.

He called on the President to categorically deny the allegations.

"But she should make it more concrete by calling for the immediate resolution of the coconut levy issue in favor of the coconut farmers and not of the coconut clique led by Cojuangco."

Malacañang has refused to comment on the PCA's charges which presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao has branded as "lies."

Tiglao said that PCA secretary general Linda Olaguer-Montayre has been "airing unsubstantiated charges for a long time."

House takes up impeach rules today

THE HOUSE starts deliberating today on a proposed new set of rules for the conduct of impeachment proceedings.

The proposed new rules were presented by Assistant Majority Leader Francis Escudero in last week's session but interpellations were deferred for today.

Escudero has said the new rules were written taking into account the 11th Congress' experience with the impeachment of deposed President Joseph Estrada last year.

The approval of the new rules would allow the rules committee to finally refer the impeachment complaint against Ombudsman Aniano Desierto to the justice committee.

The complaint, which was endorsed by Misamis Oriental Rep. Oscar Moreno, was filed on Nov. 12 by lawyer Ernesto Francisco Jr., who accused Desierto of accepting a bribe from his former client, businessman Luke Roxas, in exchange of sitting on the 1997 investigation of a case involving Roxas' bank.

Desierto and Roxas have denied Francisco's claim.

Francisco last week denounced certain provisions in the proposed new rules which he said would "kill" his impeachment complaint against the Ombudsman. *Christine Avendaño*

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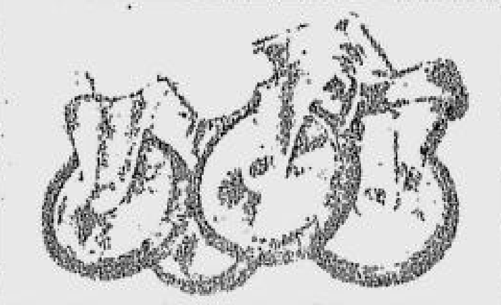

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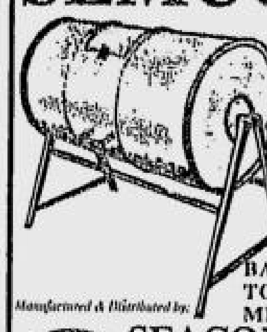

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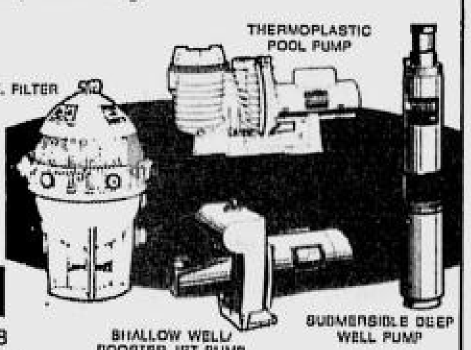

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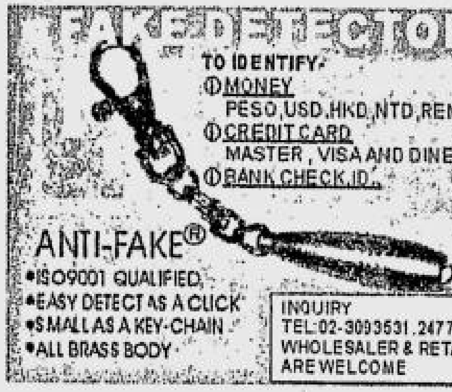

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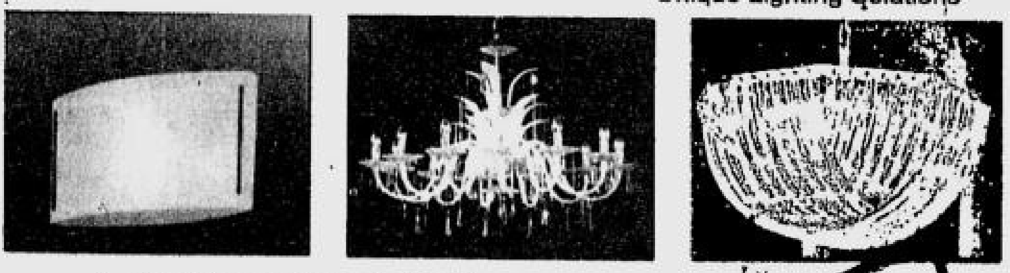

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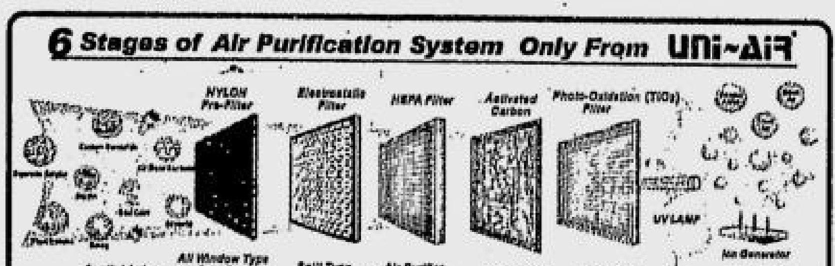
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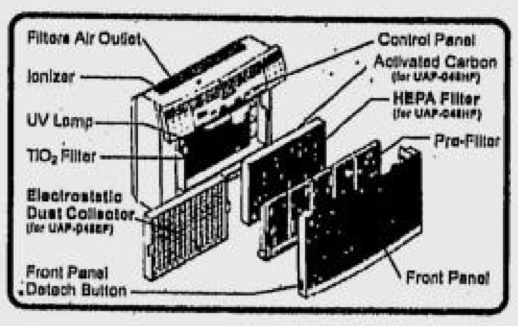
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Senators OK common legislative agenda

BY R. NAZARENO

CLARK FIELD, Pampanga—Erasing party lines, the nation's senators yesterday presented an "economic legislation" package they hope would pump-prime the economy and allow it to weather the global economic crisis.

Sixteen of the 24 members of the Senate attended a two-day "economic workshop" over the weekend at the Holiday Inn here.

Economic experts gave the legislators their assessment of the Philippine economy in the wake of the worldwide economic slowdown.

"We (senators) erased party lines in order to come up with a common legislative agenda to (address) what we perceive will be a difficult year in 2002 because of the various incidents here and abroad," said Senate President Franklin Drilon at a press conference following the workshop.

The move to Senate unity came despite a purported attempt at a power grab last week by opposition Sen. Teresa Aquino-Oreta, who called for the leadership positions in the upper chamber to be declared vacant.

"There was no talk of politics (here) whatsoever," Drilon said.

He described the 10-hour session on Saturday as "very fruitful," where senators from both the majority and minority blocs recognized the need to set aside politics in order to focus on needed legislation.

Opposition Sen. Rodolfo Biazon said, "A consensus was reached during the workshop that we have to come together to concentrate on much-needed legislation in order to keep our economy afloat during these hard times."

Biazon said the discussions focused on the need to generate employment and encourage investors to come in.

He said the industries the senators want to focus on are housing and agriculture.

Administration Sen. Francis Pangilinan said the senators agreed to foster a business-friendly environment by working toward political stability, providing a level playing field, limiting the budget deficit and giving greater support to the technology sector.

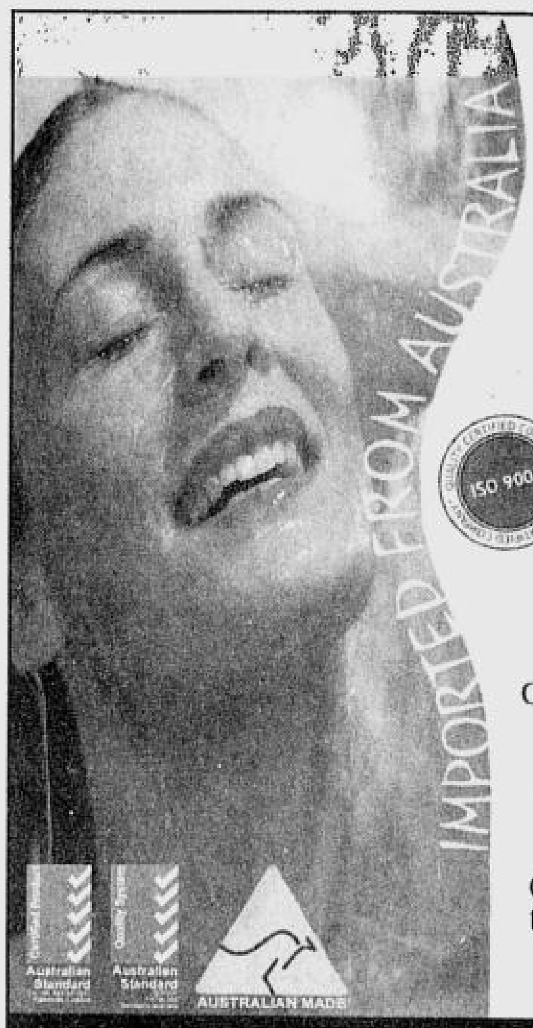
"It's a good start that we are uniting to come up with a clear-cut and focused legislative agenda. We now have a road map, a blueprint of legislative goals," Pangilinan said.

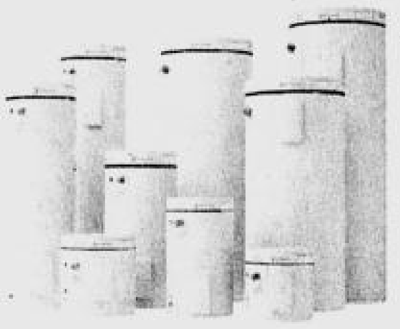
The neophyte senator was quick to point out, however, that "the challenge lies in the implementation of these programs."

During the workshop, the senators agreed to prioritize measures that would liberalize and improve port and shipping services, to shift to a consumption tax, reduce the reliance on exports, proceed with the privatization of government enterprises, and to avoid legislated wage hikes unless there is a corresponding increase in productivity.

The Senate will also focus on other measures aimed at strengthening the agriculture sector by making loans readily available to farmers and making rural infrastructure development a priority.

The senators also reached a consensus to reshape the proposed P780.8 billion budget for next year, prioritizing allocations designed to pump-prime the economy, particularly with regard to the housing industry and rural development.





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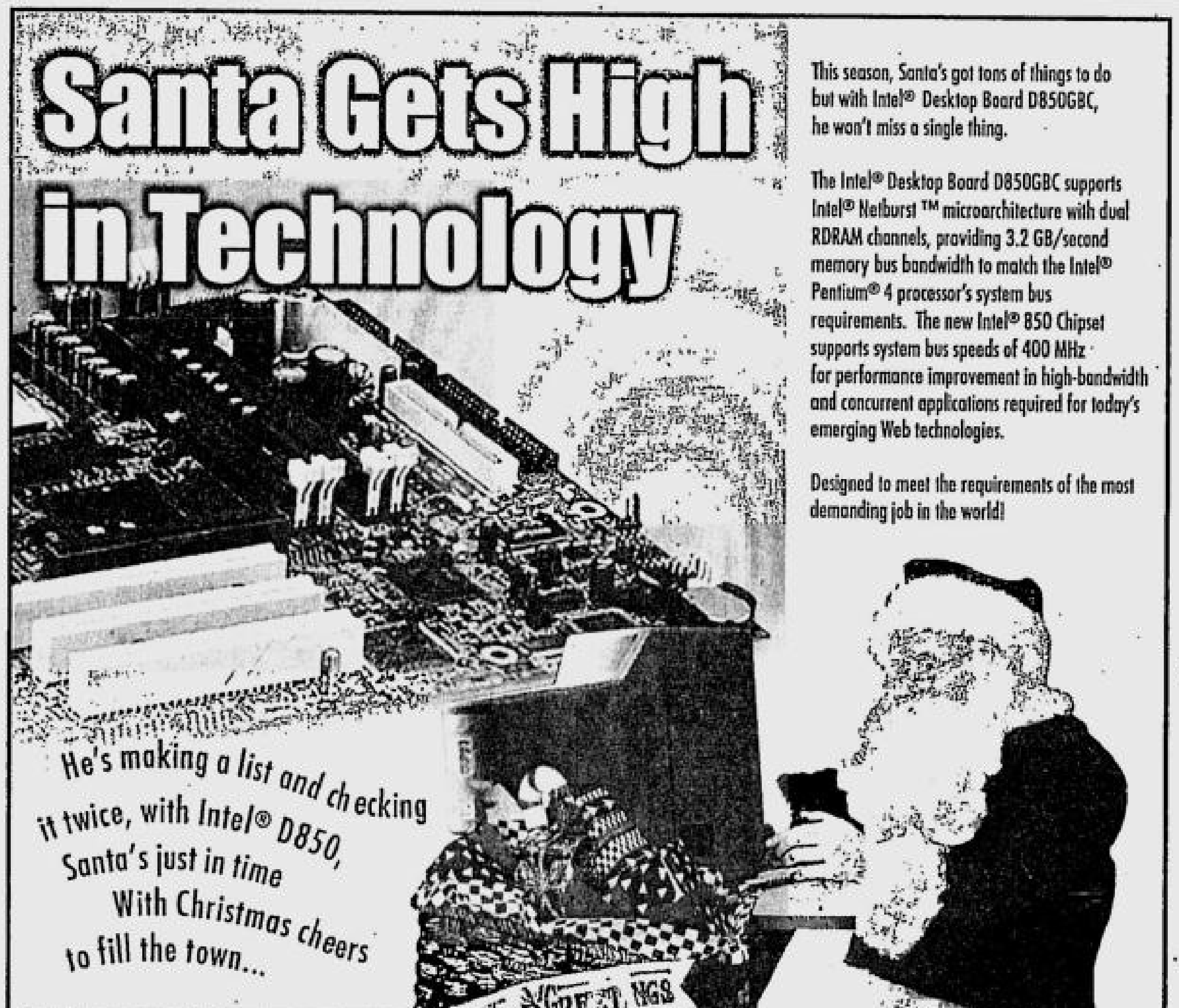
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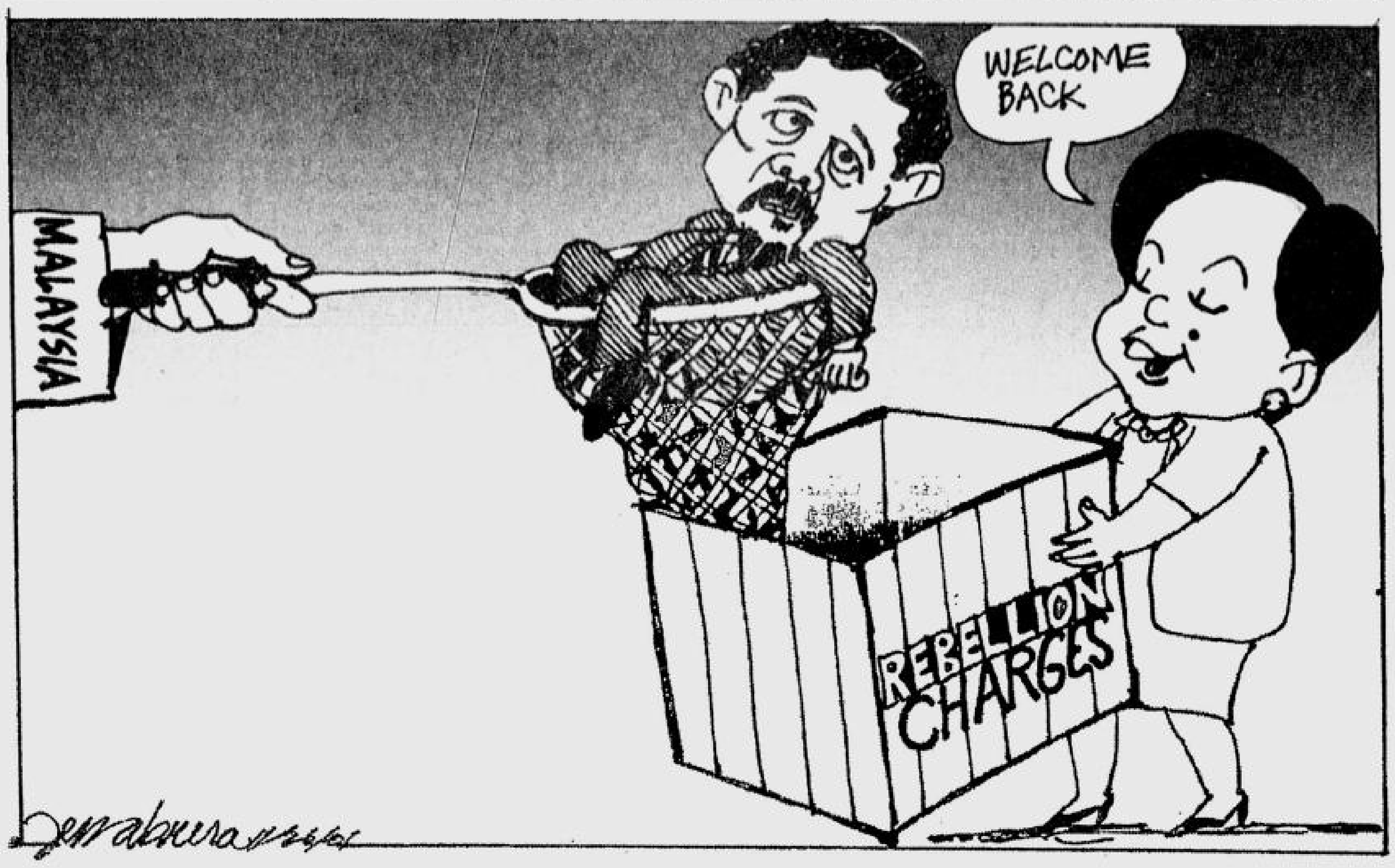

Summit hopes

EDITORIAL

IT may have started as a delayed reaction to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, but today's National Socio-Economic Summit at the Manila Hotel presents a now-or-never opportunity: to convince a wary, scandal-weary public that the government has indeed a plan of action to get the country out of the rut it's in.

Recent events have created a more favorable environment for the summit. They are not a guarantee of its success, but they should give the participants a sense of the "doable."

Malaysia's arrest of Nur Misuari. The swift arrest of the renegade Moro leader by his former Malaysian coddlers—less than a week after a small faction of Moro National Liberation Front members still loyal to him mounted a fresh revolt in Jolo, Sulu—proves not only that Misuari is largely a spent force in Moro politics. It also proves that the Macapagal administration has the support and cooperation of the international community.

Certainly, the symbolic character of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's choice of Malaysia as the site of her first state visit could not have been lost on Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad. But it is important to note that, except for a few glaring mistakes such as the designation of opposition lawyer Rufus Rodriguez as ambassador to Germany, the administration has essentially played its diplomatic cards right. And Ms Macapagal's travels have helped reinforce her international image as a policy wonk who works hard, a person (to appropriate Margaret Thatcher's vivid phrase describing Mikhail Gorbachev) whom one can do business with.

US cooperation and assistance. The President's accounting of the gains from her US working visit has raised not a few eyebrows: $4.6 billion "and counting" is a large figure, any way one looks at it. The details can stand not a little scrutiny, but the resulting focus on particulars should not draw our eyes away from the big picture. And that is, the ongoing war on terrorism has refocused international attention on the Philippines.

"American business says that the Philippines is back on their radar screen," Ms Macapagal said on Friday when she arrived. She added: "The vigorous support of the US government and firm agreements of investment from the US private sector are signs of growing confidence in our economy and in our future."

The opposition's olive branch. The Misuari crisis has created an unexpected peace dividend, this time on the political front. Speaking in La Trinidad, Benguet, leading opposition Sen. Edgardo Angara took pains last week to say that the President was not to blame for last Monday's revolt, and offered the opposition's help in resolving the "Mindanao problem." In essence, the Angara plan calls for the rehabilitation of deposed President Joseph Estrada's "Mindanao Agenda." The five-year peace plan needs to be vetted, of course, but the mere fact that the offer was made is a political breakthrough.

The administration must learn to see through Sen. Tessie Aquino-Oreta's transparent attempt—symbolic or otherwise—to declare a leadership vacuum in the Senate last week, and accept Angara's offer in good faith.

The bungled handling of the Nida Blanca case. This is by no means a favorable development, but the bizarre turn of events last Friday has crystallized the peace and order problem, thus: how can an anxious public lean on the police when the police keep shooting themselves in the foot? The case is the prism through which all the public concerns about crime—a perceptible increase in the number of incidents; a growing sense of police ineptitude or, worse, criminal involvement; a nagging doubt about the government's ability to accept the true situation or indeed to stop the slide to lawlessness—is now reflected.

The combined effect of these recent events raises expectations for the "summit"; at the same time, it pushes those who are part of the ambitious attempt to lay siege to the mountain to scale the summit harder and faster.

Let us be clear: the true national picture is dire, and made even more bleak by the ongoing international war on terrorism and the impending global recession. But amid the gloom, certain sources of hope can be divined.

Don't our officials see what cement cartel is up to?

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

I READ in last Saturday's INQUIRER that Republic Cement Corp., the Philippines' second biggest cement conglomerate, is acquiring a big chunk of shares in the Southeast Asian Cement Holdings Inc. (Seacem), one of the country's four biggest cement firms. Don't be fooled by the names; both are owned by foreign cement giants which are manipulating the high prices of local cement. Both groups are composed of several formerly Filipino-owned companies that were bought out by the foreign companies.

Republic Cement includes Fortune Cement, Iligan Cement and Zeus Holdings Inc. Republic also has preemptive rights in Mindanao Portland Cement's stock offering. Republic, in turn, is controlled by Blue Circle Industries Plc. of the United Kingdom.

The Seacem group includes FR Cement Corp., Continental Operating Corp. and Loyola Richfield Industrial Corp. Seacem is, in turn, the local unit of La Farge SA of France. La Farge and Blue Circle have merged, thus becoming the biggest cement conglomerate in the Philippines.

What does all these mean? It means DANGER to the Filipinos! It means the foreign cement giants are consolidating their local interests to dominate the Philippine market. They are creating a cement monopoly. With a monopoly, the foreigners can manipulate and dictate prices and we cannot do anything about it. The foreigners will control our construction industry, a basic component of any economy. In short, foreigners will have all of us by the balls, not exempting Trade Secretary Mar Roxas and President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

The construction industry, as we all know, has a multiplier effect on other industries. It supports the steel, cement, paint, ceramics, wood, glass, industrial aggregates, plumbing industries—11 related industries at least—as well as the labor component. When there is a construction boom, other industries also boom and the economy improves.

During economic depressions, the first thing governments do is to encourage the construction industry so that its multiplier effect will trigger economic recovery. That's what the United States did after the Great Depression of the 1930s and that's what other governments still do during economic slumps. That's what we should do, too.

If we embark on massive housing and infrastructure projects, they will not only provide jobs to the millions of unemployed, they will also provide housing to the millions more of homeless and improve the economy by providing thousands of kilometers of farm-to-market roads, bridges, highways, ports, airports, etc.

Cement is the primary component of construction. So, if the price of cement is high, how far will our meager finances go? How can we have a construction boom?

But as we have seen, the foreign cement giants are bent on squeezing the blood out of Filipinos by colluding with one another to raise the price of cement. They have formed a cartel worse and more dangerous than the local oil cartel. At least, a number of small oil companies are operating here, although they are also colluding with the oil giants on the pricing of fuel. The cement cartel wants to control not only the Philippine cement industry but also that of the whole world. It wants to be the counterpart in cement of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec).

Look at this paradox: Cement is mined and processed here by Filipino labor. But the price of cement here is at least 20 percent higher than the export prices of the same cement sent to other countries by the same companies. Cement exported to the United States, a rich country, by the local cartel, is cheaper than here, a very poor Third World country. Cement exported to Taiwan by the same cartel is also cheaper. The local cement cartel is dumping its produce in other countries and getting back their losses from us poor Filipinos who are hosting their operations here.

We even succumbed to the cartel's lobbying and raised the tariff on imported cement so it will not be able to compete with the cartel's cement. We are committed to globalization and liberalization, and the cheap cement is helping to make housing more affordable, but Secretary Roxas would rather please the foreign cement owners than help millions of his countrymen.

What am I driving at? I am asking if our officials are so blind and stupid that they don't see what the cement cartel is doing. That it is creating a monopoly, a crime prohibited by our Constitution, that will doom our economy and make life harder for the Filipinos. Is the President, who claims to be an economist, blind? Is Secretary Roxas blind? Is the Securities and Exchange Commission blind? Where is Bayan Muna? Are our legislators blind?

We need an enabling law to the constitutional prohibition against monopolies and cartels. We need an anti-trust legislation similar to that in the United States. I acknowledge that our senators and congressmen are not very bright when it comes to economics, but they can always use the US law as a model.

Why are we too eager to please the foreigners who are clearly exploiting us? When are we going to break free from the chains of colonialism? When are we going to be really independent?

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Fire and hope

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

I SAW the full-page advertisement put out last Friday in this newspaper by Cotabato Gov. Manny Piñol, endorsing the candidacy of Ibrahim Paglas in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao elections today. The part there that caught my eye was this paragraph: "The argument that the selection by the administration of the other candidate (Parouk Hussin) is because of a commitment to the Moro National Liberation Front and the Organization of Islamic Conference does not hold water."

I am not a big fan of Piñol, but I agree with him in that respect. I've heard the same thing myself, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo justifying her endorsement of Hussin as a commitment to the MNLF and the OIC. It is not apparently that she particularly likes Hussin, it is that she has no choice. Her predecessors had promised to support a candidate of the MNLF's and OIC's choice. She is obligated to honor that commitment.

Well, at the very least, that makes a mockery of the whole concept of the ARMM. Lest we forget, the "A" in the ARMM stands for "autonomous." That was what the ARMM was created for, to give the Muslim Filipinos the freedom to live by their own rules, as a people with a distinct culture and way of life. Those rules cannot be the ones dictated to them by the national government, the OIC, or one political group in Muslim Mindanao, such as the MNLF, which in any case has been increasingly left out in Muslim affairs.

At the very most, it perpetuates warlordism or tribal politics in Muslim Mindanao. It adopts a very cynical policy that says, "Never mind the people below, let's put someone there who has the support of the big players above." We do not need to go very far to see the disastrous consequences of that policy. Nur Misuari supplies it.

Misuari's case of course is not typical in that not all Malacañang's, the OIC's and the MNLF's chosen end up refusing to give up power and taking up arms against the government. But it is typical in that it leaves Muslim Mindanao in the hands of a despot who has very little accountability to his constituents. Before he became governor, Misuari vowed to his brethren that they could count on huge investments from the OIC if he should win in the elections. It didn't come true. What came true was that Muslim Mindanao fell deeper into poverty and now stands at the brink of war. Misuari himself has been the recipient of P15 billion from the national government, which he has yet to liquidate. A good reason to liquidate one's ties with government.

All of this would not be so bad if there were no alternatives, if government had no choice but to keep things the way they are. If people cannot be found who have a track record for accomplishment, who signify change and reform, who give the hope that Muslim Mindanao can be weaned away from war and warlordism. But the alternatives are there. You have someone like Paglas, who does not belong to any of the armed groups in Mindanao, who is highly regarded by Christians and Muslims alike, who—never mind that he is the only Muslim TOYM awardee—as mayor of a town in Maguindanao has turned it from a haven of cutthroats to a thriving and peaceful community. Who, moreover, is reportedly so shy and self-effacing he prefers to just do things than talk about them. You wonder why anyone would think the only choice for Muslim Mindanao is to sink deeper into the bog.

It's too late to appeal to the government's good sense. But it's not too late to appeal to the good sense of the voters of Muslim Mindanao. It is their election today. It is their life, it is their future. I can only hope they vote wisely.

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There's hope for Muslim Mindanao yet. Only a decade ago, the Badjaos of Sulu were completely illiterate. Their children shunned school for fear of being made fun of. They were ravaged by poverty and disease, living a hand-to-mouth existence on fish and root crops, and dying in droves from tuberculosis and malaria.

Today, some 1,700 of their children are studying in schools. Their literacy rate as a whole has jumped up to 30 percent, and health care has improved tremendously. More than half of their children have been immunized, and few now die of hunger and malnutrition.

The spectacular turnaround was accomplished by the Sanyang Multipurpose Cooperative, a people's organization formed by the Badjaos themselves in 1992. Not without help from the Notre Dame of Jolo, which first showed them a glimpse of a world beyond ignorance. It was Notre Dame that launched a community-based development program there in 1989 revolving around education. The Badjaos turned out to be quick learners. In 1992, they built their own cooperative, which they managed very well, loaning out P8 million in no time to members and recording a high repayment rate. The cooperative now covers 2,000 Badjao families who are engaged in livelihood projects like mat weaving and seaweed farming.

The impact of the Sanyang Cooperative on the lives of the Badjaos has been exceptionally dramatic. By imparting knowledge, it has given them a sense of self-confidence. Slowly, the Badjaos are erasing the image popularized by Lamberto Avellana in his movie, "Badjao," of a tribe that throws its newborn babies into the water, leaving the gods to decide whether they lived or died.

For this remarkable achievement, the Sanyang Cooperative has been chosen by the Consuelo Alger Foundation its first winner in awards to be given out this Thursday. The Consuelo Awards are meant to be the Philippine version of the Magsaysay Awards. The awards aren't being given to individuals though, but to groups or organizations that have contributed outstandingly to their communities. The prize is substantial, but the foundation prefers not to divulge it to the public as yet, particularly given that its first winner comes from a part of this country where kidnapping is rife.

Now if only a group or organization would put an end to that....

GMA woos Mexican investors

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

MEXICO CITY—Earlier I reported how President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo had impressed her audience of about 850 delegates to the Christian Democrat International (CDI) conference in the Mexican capital last Wednesday with her ease in the Spanish and English languages. She arrived with her delegation in Mexico City at 3 a.m. that morning and after some rest, she personally worked on her speech and practiced with the teleprompter; she later read the prepared speech at the plenary session entirely in Spanish, extemporizing brief portions in both English and Spanish. The predominantly Hispanic assembly of over a hundred political parties from 78 countries appreciated the effort to speak to them directly.

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GMA laced her address with humor. At one point she turned to Speaker Joe de Venecia, who was seated on the dais along with other CDI vice presidents and said in Spanish that De Venecia had asked her to remind the assembly that it was he who had introduced the idea of nominating Spanish President Jose Ma. Aznar as incoming CDI president. De Venecia later told this columnist that his proposal to Aznar during the latter's visit to Manila last year to accept the presidency of the CDI was preemptive—De Venecia feared that some members were campaigning to abolish the CDI. GMA noted, though, with a faint smile that Aznar, who was seated at the presidential table next to her, took six months before he accepted that challenge, and the audience laughed. Toward the end of her speech GMA invited the CDI to hold its bi-annual conference in Manila, which was applauded.

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In his acceptance speech, the Spanish president, an intense-looking man in his late 40s, told the CDI assembly that there was a lot of work to be done, and that the CDI, which was formed in 1961 by countries with a Christian humanist orientation, ought not to be "merely a club of good poets and orators." He noted that the CDI's history was replete with successes and failures, but that at this crucial moment of uncertainty in the world, it was important that its members, a good number of whom are in power in their countries, realize who they are and where they are going. He stressed that they should not give in to melancholy or fear of the future. Aznar's speech struck his listeners as having the right blend of a cheerleader's rah-rah and evangelist's inspiration.

Earlier that morning, the CDI executive committee had voted to adopt another name—the Centrist Democrat International. The dominant feeling apparently was that by giving it a new centrist image, it would be able to attract forces in Asia and Africa that have hesitated to join the CDI because they are not Christian in orientation. De Venecia explained to this columnist that this new orientation would enable it to attract, for instance, the president of Cambodia's parliament, Prince Norodom Ranarridh, and Thailand's Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra.

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Hours after she flew into this capital and before that plenary address, President Macapagal launched her "Spanish offensive" during the roundtable conference that she held with about a dozen CEOs of firms that rank among Mexico's top 20 business corporations. Perhaps the most significant was Marco Antonio Slim, who represented his father, Carlos Slim Helu, said to be the richest man in Latin America. The elder Slim, a Mexican of Middle-Eastern descent, chairs the Grupo Carso, which owns, among others, the Telmex, which is like Mexico's PLDT; Comp USA, a major computer retail outlet in the United States and Latin America; and Grupo Imbursa, a banking and investments company. Like the younger Ayalas in Makati, Marco Antonio now virtually runs the Slim empire.

The CEOs were pleasantly surprised to have GMA conduct the dialogue entirely in Spanish, assisted by the RP chargé d'affaires here, Eduardo de Vega. Energy Minister Vince Perez addressed them in Spanish too. The President pointed out that Mexico has yet to penetrate Asia and that the Philippines could be its gateway to that region, just as the Galleon Trade enriched both countries for more than 200 years through the exchange of products as well as ideas and influences. She cited the recent laws that have been passed during her 10-month administration to improve the investment climate there, such as the Electric Power Law and the Anti-Money Laundering Law, as well as those in the legislative pipeline, such as the reform of the Bangko Sentral and the Securitization Act.

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GMA invited the Mexican CEOs to invest in the Philippines, and the invitation was timely, for the Philippines remains virtually untapped territory for them and vice versa. I learned from Consul Ma. Theresa Dizon de Vega of the RP Embassy that the current trade between the two countries runs to about US$285 million—which, however, is a paltry amount considering that the Mexicans number about 90 million to 100 million, and the Filipinos about 77 million—both big populations that keep growing. This only means that the two countries, which are bound by a common Hispanic history, represent rich growing markets.

Over the past three years, the balance of trade has steadily climbed up in the Philippines' favor, taking 70 percent of the bilateral trade. The Philippines' export products include computer parts and peripherals, auto parts, telecommunication equipment such as cellphone components, furniture, gift items, garments and carrageenan. Filipino professionals being employed in Mexico have also steadily risen in number, serving as consultants and middle-level managers. At present there are some 300 Filipinos in Mexico, with some 120 in the capital, and the Filipino community registers a 5-10 percent growth every year.

On the other hand, Mexico exports to the Philippines such products as fertilizers, chemical dyes and cotton. Clearly it has a lot to offer yet.

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Speaking of the Galleon Trade, I joined the party of Speaker De Venecia in touring the Metropolitan Cathedral of Mexico City, and the director who guided us showed us treasures of the cathedral that came from the Philippines during the trade, that have become priceless. These were a rare solid ivory crucifix about two feet tall, an ivory statue of the Virgin Mary and the tindalo stand for the music sheets in the choir section. The statues were said to have been carved by Chinese artisans in Binondo. But those were only a few of the religious art objects that were shipped to Mexico from Manila via the Galleon Trade. I understand from embassy officials that a book was recently published on Filipino religious ivory pieces in Mexico and that in the town of Monterrey here, one rich lady, who is said to own about 4,000 pieces of Philippine religious art, lent 200 pieces to a local museum. All these show that in those over 200 years of bilateral commerce, the balance of trade was clearly not in our favor; the fact that we're exporting more products now to Mexico than it is to us is perhaps a redress of history's mistakes.

Homeless (and sleepless) in Camiguin

KRIS-CROSSING MINDANAO

Antonio J. Montalvan II

IT was in search for drinking water that the fleet of Miguel Lopez de Legazpi moored off the coast of Camiguin on March 11, 1565. Setting sail for Butuan, furious winds instead drove the fleet leeward to Bohol. What was in Camiguin then that made it known for its waters?

When typhoon Nanang struck on that fateful dawn, it was rampaging waters that washed away people and homes, some to as far as the coast of Agusan del Norte, never to make their lives the same again. For many, in fact, it was the end of their lives.

An event of tragic magnitude that befalls a people somehow becomes recorded in the human psyche and is passed on to generations. You can be sure that the folktales of the future will orally pass on the tragedy of the whirlwind that snuffed out the lives of more than a hundred in Camiguin.

Fr. Benicio Andohon recalls the gusts and driving rain between 3 and 4 that early dawn. Little would he know that the ordeal had only begun. At daybreak, the placid town of Mahinog was filled with the bodies of the dead. He says he does not even remember now how many dead bodies he blessed and sent to their burials. Finding it too much to bear, the priest shut himself in his convent room and wept.

Only 10 years into the ministry, the son of Basic Christian Community leaders in hinterland Malitbog, Bukidnon, the young priest is now thrust into what is probably the most trying moments of his priestly life. From blessing his dead parishioners, he then turned to the concerns of the living. Forty-two families or more than 300 individuals are now sheltered at the parish formation center. And there are even more who are temporarily housed at the day-care centers of far-flung barrios.

Father Andohon asks: "Until when can we sustain the homeless?" Already the meager funds are running out. The present food supplies and medicines can only last up to a point. Only the grace of God, he says, has kept him and his parishioners alive each passing day. With hundreds to feed, each day is a miracle.

Above all else, life has to go on. Homes will have to be built. But where? The mountain sitio where the whirlwind struck is no longer habitable. Dumbfounded at the unimaginable destruction, a Caritas Manila representative who visited Mahinog exclaimed how the place is beyond rehabilitation. Msgr. Rey Monsanto of the Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro sees housing as the long-term solution. Nails, plywood, building materials will eventually surpass the present needs for food and medicines.

Obviously, Father Andohon says, relocation will have to be the answer. The whirlwind did not spare wide swaths of the Mahinog hinterlands. We are not talking here about small parcels, he said, but hectares upon hectares of lands, crops and trees. Even age-old *balete* trees were wholly uprooted.

The tragedy is not confined only to Mahinog. Flashfloods have struck the capital town of Mambajao, the most recent one only last Nov. 14. The displaced and the homeless are now housed at the parish formation center. The parish priest, Fr. Medalio Valmores, is no stranger to difficulties, having served in remote missions in South America and Papua New Guinea. But as in Mahinog, money and food are fast running out on Father Valmores. And the damaged barrio itself has become a gully of rampaging rainwaters, beyond rehabilitation.

Much publicity mileage has often cited cash donations running to the millions of pesos. But the people of Camiguin lament that they have not seen where the money has gone. According to them, meager help has reached them till now. By this time, they would have expected the P7 million or so, including President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's P2 million, translated into food and medicine.

Certainly there were kind souls who have reached out. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines' social action commission donated 500 sacks of rice. Cooking utensils were sent by the Philippine Coast Guard. But what of the P7 million, they ask?

In contrast, Archbishop Jesus Tuquib, whose diocese administers the Camiguin parishes, has expressly wished no publicity mileage for the church's relief efforts. In silence there is wisdom. It is with the archbishop's parish priests that the homeless have instead found a home.

At the moment, the parish formation centers of Camiguin are bursting at the seams and are in urgent need of more supplies. But eventually, building materials will become the primary concern as the focus shifts to relocation and housing.

It is enough despair for one to be left shivering in the cold without a home. But when one is homeless and grieving for relatives who perished, which for some meant entire families, can one ever sleep without being haunted by the pain of the terrible misfortune of the Camiguin people?

Some media writers now say that Camiguin is no longer the island paradise it was once touted to be. One television program even went to the extent of calling it the lost paradise. But Camiguin will *always* be a paradise. Few places in the Philippines can come at par with its unique volcanic physiography of cold and hot springs and scenic seascapes. No doubt her history of natural calamities has made her people resilient. Only this time, helping them become even more resilient in an urgent time of need can certainly do no harm.

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Donations in cash or in kind for the homeless of Camiguin can be coursed directly to Fr. Benicio Andohon, SSJV, St. Michael's Parish Convent, Mahinog, Camiguin, Tel. No. (088) 3873032; Fr. Medalio Valmores, SSJV, St. Nicolas Tolentino Parish Convent, Mambajao, Camiguin, Tel. No. (088) 3870104. Over in Cagayan de Oro City, donations are coursed to Msgr. Elmer Abacahin, SSJV, Office of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Coordinator, Archbishop's House, Cagayan de Oro City.

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The Leonids and the Black Stone of Mecca

COMMENTARY

Dean Jorge Bocobo

COMET Tempel-Tuttle, a gigantic dirty snowball, maybe the size of Mt. Makiling, travels along an elliptical orbit around the sun every 33 years. In 1886, it came nearby, and left a trail of dust and gas and ice in its wake, blown off its normally frigid surface by the warming rays of an approaching sun. (Yup. Every comet leaves its tail behind.)

Last week, the earth itself intersected that comet's previous track, while hurtling along its own year-long, 600 million-mile circuit around the sun. This annual encounter results in meteor showers or "shooting stars" seeming to come from the constellation Leo in the night sky, as the comet's debris burns up in the earth's atmosphere, with which it is colliding at high speed. (The earth is moving at a speed of about 67,000 miles per hour relative to the sun, when it collides with the wet dust flake remnants of the comet's previous passage.)

We watched the so-called Leonid meteor shower very early last Monday morning (as in 1 a.m. early), along the lonely road that snakes up the spine of Tagaytay Ridge to Imelda's old Palace in the Sky. We parked by the side of the road around midnight, at a spot where the northeastern sky opens up far from the glare of city lights. There was a brisk wind whistling in the delicious cold and dark.

When I first looked where the peak of the meteor storm would come from, and I saw all those real stars in that pellucid night sky, I had a feeling that tonight we would see a show of fireballs.

I was the first to spot one, a faint streak of light out of the corner of my eye. Suddenly, we all let out an oooh as a yellow-orange streak etched itself on the velvet sky. Then, came just a steady procession of them, from seconds apart to about two per minute. Some came from high up in the sky, like Tennyson's eagle from its aerie, falling like dead stars, or like lost loves, impossibly and suddenly, to the dark curve of the earth.

Many others gave the illusion of traveling just overhead and parallel to the road we had parked on, streaking like skyrockets, then seeming to make a sound upon extinction. Though they appeared to be just overhead, they were really miles above us. For the longest-lived ones, you actually had to turn your head to follow the trajectory.

Seen like this, meteorites really give an impression of being visitors from outer space, little dust grains and ice chips flying into the earth. Looking out in the direction from which the shooting stars were coming, I imagined for an instant being on the prow of the ship called earth on which we are all riding, a giant dust-mote itself, plowing into the star-punctuated ocean of the cosmos, being rained on with wet meteorites left behind by an ancient comet.

Maybe one of the meteorites hit me just then, because I suddenly understood a strange explanation I once heard of where the oceans came from. There's a mystery, you see, about where all the water came from. Since liquid water would have long boiled away into space on the hot young earth, it must have come here, *after* earth had cooled enough. Watching the Leonid meteorites mingle their own elements of earth, fire *and* water onto Tagaytay's volcanic soil, it is so plausible that the oceans are comets come to earth over all those untold eons, drop by drop like Allah's tears, over billions of years. I imagined Taal Lake to have been increased ever so slightly this night. It's not so incredible really. The oceans are not so deep, being less to earth than the skin is to an onion. It's incredible what can happen in a billion years.

My companions fell to speculating on how big the things were that made our nocturnal trek to Tagaytay worth risking the ire and suspicion of our spices. One of the guys thought they must be the size of Volkswagens because they made so much light and were so far away. He was incredulous when I claimed they were the size of dust flakes or microscopic grains.

A car-sized rock would almost certainly survive the descent to earth and be used to found a new religion. Something that big, if it didn't destroy a small city and itself in the collision, would be an even more famous meteorite than the Black Stone of Mecca, a revered artifact of Islam, sent by Allah as a message, and at par with the greatest relics and icons of Christendom in fame and stature.

Mecca's so-called Hajar al-Aswad, (the "black stone") stands as the eastern cornerstone of the Ka'ba, the cube-shaped temple, said to have been built by Abraham, which is at the center of the Great Mosque of Mecca. The Ka'ba is the canonical center of the Islamic world, and every act of piety and worship is directed toward it during daily prayer and meditation by Muslims everywhere. It is reverently draped in black during most of the year, except during the last 13 days of the Islamic lunar year, when Muslim pilgrims converge on Mecca for the largest annual gathering of religious believers.

Every Muslim's holy pilgrimage to Mecca, called the Hajj, which is commanded by the Koran as a solemn duty if the believer is able, begins and ends with a ritual procession around the Ka'ba, called the *tawaf*. This procession itself begins with kissing or touching the Black Stone, the Hajar al-Aswad, a meteorite of unknown origin, said to have been placed in the Ka'ba by Abraham himself. The ritual of kissing the Black Stone is said to have started with the Prophet Mohammed, who declared it to be symbolic of the covenant between God and his chosen people.

Today, Islam stands at a crossroads as the world and humanity evolve beyond the religious and cultural atomism of the past into a global, secular human society. To survive, all organized religions, not just Islam, must accept the fact that their particular set of beliefs must coexist with many others as true, democratic equals. What has become untenable for Islam and the world, is the notion that theocracies are a legitimate form of social organization and government. Maybe in the 7th century, but never more.

Can’t satisfy ’em all

READERS' ADVOCATE

Raul J. Palabrica

EVERY DAY, the editors of the newspaper make an effort to lighten the often "heavy" content of the front page. If it's not news about government corruption, it's about heinous crimes or bombings somewhere in the South or elsewhere in the world. The news softener usually takes the form of positive news, a light-hearted story or comic caricature of the personality subject of the report.

Sunday is always a "feel good" issue. With a dramatic color photo providing the visual attraction, heart-warming stories make up the bulk of the edition that accounts for the highest circulation for the INQUIRER in any week.

Last Oct. 26, the newspaper featured ("Nowhere man: It's though I don't exist") the story of a man who was mugged on a Toronto street in November 1999 and developed amnesia. He did not know who he was or where he came from. He wants to go to England to refresh his memory but cannot do so without a passport. But a passport cannot be issued to him because he does not have a birth certificate.

He is stuck in a virtually hopeless situation. Unless some rules are bent in his favor or a miracle happens, he will be a breathing non-entity, who is neither here nor there, for the rest of his life.

A reader, whose identity I prefer to keep under wraps, did not find that report amusing. In her e-mail last week, she wrote: "Perhaps none of us would ever know what this poor man is going through. But we can all understand what it's like to be rejected and be deemed an outcast.

"To be robbed of one's material properties is horrendous enough; one can only imagine what it is like to be robbed of one's name, memories, family and any connection to one's world—your very self. So, to trivialize this man's horrific experience as something to be amused at is the height of insensitivity.

"Unfortunately, your paper has featured other articles as amusing which in reality are not at all, especially if viewed in the light of political correctness. I hope these slip-ups will be minimized and eventually eliminated altogether in the future."

Respite

I recall reading the article in question twice when it came out. The first time I read it I got the impression it was an April Fool's story. Obviously, it was not. When I checked its source and found out it was sent by the Associated Press, I went through it again and thought it was amusing.

A member of the editorial staff explained that the story was published to give the readers a break from the stream of kidnapping incidents that marred that week. It may be likened to a "Ripley's Believe or Not" feature that many enjoy reading if only to get a five-second rest from the stuff that usually fill the newspapers.

He further said that the story was not meant to trivialize or make fun of the problems of Mr. Nobody. His predicament was something for the books. In living memory, no other person had been subjected to the same horrible ordeal or experience.

The article was placed on the front page, first, because of its news value which cannot be denied and, second, it was an out-of-the-ordinary story that provided a much-needed distraction from the unpleasant news reports that have occupied the front pages in the preceding days.

Going through the Mr. Nobody report once more, I think no malice or ill-will can be attributed to the staff for coming out with that article. It was a straightforward report of the events that caused the loss of the man's memory, the consequences of the total loss of his retentive processes and the fate that awaits him.

On the whole, I find the article sympathetic to Mr. Nobody. It described in an objective way his dilemma on how to reestablish his identity and regain his memory in the face of legal restrictions that make solving that kind of problem practically impossible.

Who knows, a reader of the newspaper or surfer of the INQ7.net website (in the Philippines or elsewhere in the world) might recognize him and provide information to the Canadian authorities that will help Mr. Nobody rediscover himself. There are countless stories of long-separated family members being reunited, or displaced children getting back to their parents, or friends separated by oceans touching base again after the media published their accounts.

To paraphrase a famous passage, whether or not the subject news report is amusing depends on the beholder's eyes. Some readers liked it, others did not. That's how the cookie crumbles in the industry. The newspaper cannot satisfy all its readers at the same time.

Gun caliber

I received a letter from a reader who hails from Dumaguete City calling the attention of the INQUIRER on the proper description of the caliber of a certain gun. The reader was reacting to the Nov. 21 issue that reported the killing of Comelec Education and Information Director Velma Cinco by men who fired guns with "9 mm" bullets.

The letter contained information that I think reporters and journalism students will find interesting, with apologies to the anti-gun activists.

The reader wrote: "There should be no period before the word '9 mm.' The '9 mm' refers to a bullet slug's caliber, which is, basically, its cross-sectional diameter in millimeters at its untapered end.

"This caliber designation should not be confused with that of calibers measured in inches (or fractions of an inch). In that system, it is all right to put a period before '45 cal,' for example, because this means that a bullet is 0.45 inch (or 45/100 of an inch) in diameter.

"To put it in perspective, a .45 cal slug is around 11.4 mm in diameter. In view of this, to put a period before "9 mm" would mean that the bullet is 9/10 mm in diameter, roughly the width of a sewing pin!"

A gun enthusiast friend confirmed to me the validity of the reader's observation. The period before a caliber measurement makes a lot of difference. I checked the news reports relating to the slaying of Cinco and saw that the INQUIRER has correctly described the caliber of the guns used in that crime.

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The readers' advocate may be reached at the following address: "The Readers' Advocate" c/o Philippine Daily Inquirer, Chino Roces Avenue corner Yague and Mascardo Streets, Makati City. Or through fax nos. 897-4793 to 94, or readersadvocate@inquirer.com.ph.

THEY SAID

What's the truth

"If a man is accused of falsehood, he has to be told what is the truth."

—Sandiganbayan Justice Francis Garchitorena on the perjury case against ex-President Joseph Estrada

Bred in poverty

"Evil is the cause of terrorism but evil breeds its masked face in poverty."

—President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo reminding that economic problems should not be forgotten while the fight against terrorism rages

Constitutional right

"All schools should strive to protect and strengthen the constitutional guarantee on the rights of citizens to freedom of religion and nondiscrimination on the basis of sex, religion, creed or color."

—Education Secretary Raul Roco on requiring schools to be sensitive to religious rights of students particularly Muslims

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Isn't curricular reform being too hurried?

THE DEPARTMENT of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) is set to pilot-test a restructured curriculum starting June 2002. This curriculum seeks to reform primary and secondary education through an integrated curriculum for Grades 1-10 composed of five "core learning areas": English, Filipino, Math, Science and Sikap. The fifth core area, Sikap, is a conglomeration of eight subjects which include Sining, Information and Communication Technology, Kabuhayan, Kalusugan, Kultura, Araling Panlipunan, Araling Pangkatawan, at Araling Pagpapahalaga. The reform entails increasing the time allotment for English, Math, Filipino and Science while reducing the time for the other subjects under the Sikap umbrella.

The curriculum reform will be pilot-tested next school year. Yet, the DECS is still in the initial stage of formulating the Sikap framework. Last October, it constituted a Curriculum Reform Workshop tasked to "define the parameters of Sikap and to rationalize, integrate and synchronize the contents, competencies and skills of the component subjects." With only seven months to go before pilot-testing, the quality of preparation and output is put in question. Not to mention the absence of instructional materials and teacher training. Obviously, the curriculum reform is being done in haste. Add to this the lack of extensive consultation from educators in the field and absence of intensive public debate on the issue.

Unloading the students by going back to basic subjects is indeed a laudable move by the DECS. But in so doing, equally important subjects are sacrificed. Of particular concern to us is the inclusion of Araling Panlipunan (Social Studies) in the Sikap. Social Studies is a subject which covers history, economics, geography, government, civic culture and society. As such, it is the only subject that directly implements the constitutional mandate on education: "Inculcate patriotism and nationalism, foster love of humanity, respect for human rights, appreciation of the role of national heroes in the historical development of the country, teach the rights and duties of citizenship." (Article 14, Sec. 3) Relegating Social Studies as a mere component of Sikap emasculates its performance of a very crucial task. As one education student (majoring in English) has expressed our sentiments: "Making Social Studies a component of another subject is an insult to Filipinos. We can provide enough time for English, a language that is not even our own, but not enough time for history and civics which define our identity as Filipinos and as citizens."

We, concerned students and faculty members of the University of the Philippines' College of Education, therefore urge the DECS to suspend the pilot-testing of Sikap and to initiate public discussion on the curriculum reform. We say no to Sikap. We assert that Social Studies is a core learning area and should be treated as a separate subject. We also appeal to our legislators to conduct an inquiry into, and hold public hearings about, the DECS' restructured curriculum. Curriculum reform is something that should not be taken for granted, or delegated alone to the DECS. Education is a national interest and should generate serious concern and active engagement of the general public.—**WITH 87 SIGNATORIES, Students and Faculty of the UP College of Education, Diliman, Quezon City**

LETTERS

Two fateful decisions

WE congratulate the Supreme Court in its recent decision regarding the constitutionality of the Plunder Law as well as the affirmance of the conviction of Rep. Romeo Jalosjos.

In these trying times, in an atmosphere of declining peace and order, these decisions help to clear the roadway for our country to hold its head up high in the realization that the judicial system through the Supreme Court has done its constitutional duty to study two decisive legal cases.

Through a vote of 10-4 in favor of the constitutionality of the Plunder Law, the Supreme Court has affirmed our faith in ourselves. The decision on Jalosjos delivers the message that justice will be done no matter who you are. We earnestly hope that the shadows of doubt and cynicism will somehow be alienated by the justice of these two decisions and open our hearts and minds to our duties and responsibilities as Filipinos.—**THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY, St. Scholastica's College, 2560 Leon Guinto St., Manila**

Best bone surgeons

I WANT everybody to know that we have the best bone surgeons in the Philippines. My husband, Carlos, a retiree, had suffered pain on both knees for years. Finally, he consented to undergo knee replacement surgery. In a week's time, he could stand straight with the help of a walker or a cane.

Now, he can walk normally with no pain at all. So there, people don't have to seek medical help abroad for this kind of surgery. We have excellent Filipino orthopedic doctors. Give them the chance to help you enjoy a better quality of life. His doctor is Dr. Rafael Bondoc of the UP-PGH.—**ELISA D. CADUNGOG, 3951 M. Roxas St., Baclaran, Parañaque City**

Carlson had asked women's groups for help

BY JUMPING to her death. Maria Teresa Carlson broke her silence.

News of her death screams from tabloid headlines. It's the latest show-biz "tragedy" in the past two weeks.

For years now, draft legislation on the abuse of women in intimate relationships remains pending before Congress where ironically Carlson's husband used to be one among the powerful.

He was also one of the most vocal against the legislative measure.

In a society where women are meant to tolerate a myriad of abuse ranging from emotional, psychological, financial and physical abuse for the sake of preserving a "marriage," the lack of laws that specifically address the plight of battered women is a human right violation of the worst kind.

Women in intimate relationships are rarely in a position to break the cycle of violence because of the pressure of societal norms.

Whether within or outside marriage, abused women often feel beholden to their abusers. The intimacy with one's batterer creates a sense of shame as well as self-blame. This is why our laws are not enough to address the situation.

Proving physical injuries in court often requires medical evidence and fresh physical proof of the abuse.

Because battered women take a long time before gathering the strength to report the abuse and seek assistance, a law on Abuse of Women in Intimate Relationships (Awir) needs to be passed.

The bill addresses the plight of abused women in the context of intimate relationships by providing women with practical legal remedies like protective orders. A first and important step in breaking the cycle of violence is to completely cut off the abusers' control over battered women.

It is unfortunate that Carlson died the way she did. Perhaps only she knows what she was walking away from when she decided to end her life.

Thousands of women need not end their lives the way she did or even at the hands of their abusers. Let Carlson's story be a lesson to haunt our lawmakers for as long as the abuse of women in intimate relationships is not properly addressed.

Carlson sought legal assistance and counseling from women's groups in 1997 (led by Kalakasan). She claimed she was a battered and abused wife.

Years of abuse had worn out her self-esteem. She was once one of the most sought after television actresses in the '80s. Violence had chipped away her confidence. She feared her abuser and constantly worried about her children.

She often felt powerless to fight against the abuse.

Like other battered women, Carlson no doubt also underwent cycles of depression. Psychologically vulnerable, it was no surprise when she often "forgave" her abuser no matter how much suffering he inflicted, in exchange for the trappings of "momentary marital bliss."

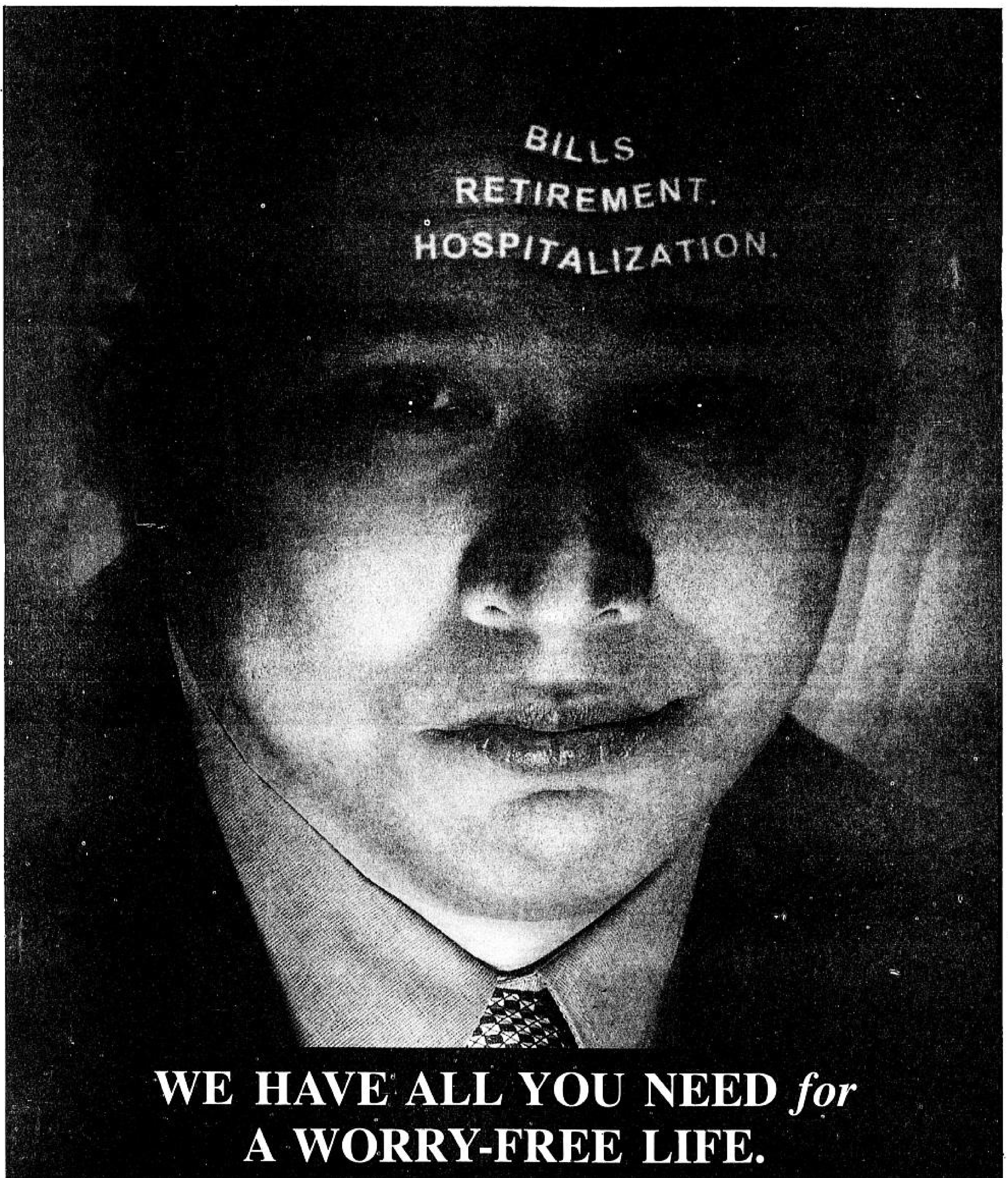
In a public press conference where her children flanked Carlson, she announced that she had reconciled with her husband.

Women's groups were completely cut off and denied contact with her. They could no longer extend counseling or legal assistance. Carlson backed out of the civil case being prepared for her.—**CAROLINA S. RUIZ-AUSTRIA, executive director, Women's Legal Education, Advocacy and Defense Foundation Inc. (Womenlead), 45 Mapagkumbaba St., Sikatuna Village, Quezon City**

Was MTRCB asleep on this one?

LAST Nov. 22, 2001 a movie titled, "Bound" was shown in a relatively new cable channel called Solar. My attention was caught by the movie because it was about a gay relationship between two females and a gangster. The movie ran from around 8 p.m .to 9:30 p.m. Interestingly, while it was being shown, no "Parental Guidance" warning was flashed on the screen. The film was full of expletives and profanities not to mention violence and the sexual connotations. If it had been shown in the theaters, I am certain it would have gotten a rating of R-18.

It seems that the movie did not pass through the Movie, Television Review and Classification Board or if it did, the MTRCB members must have been sleeping. To the MTRCB, *Hoy gising!*—**TOMAS TUASON, Capitol Park Homes, Quezon City**



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Senior Taliban defector blames al-Qaida for militia's downfall

KABUL—The most senior Taliban member to defect so far blamed Osama bin Laden and Taliban hardliners Saturday for transforming Afghanistan into a terrorist haven and bringing on a disastrous war with the United States.

Mullah Mohammed Khaqzar, the former Taliban deputy interior minister, said he warned Taliban supreme leader Mohammed Omar that he should "tell the terrorists to leave" or they "would destroy our country."

Khaqzar said, however, that Omar fell under the influence of Bin Laden, who forged close ties to Taliban Defense Minister Obeidullah Khan and Justice Minister Mullah Nooruddin Turabi.

Turabi was the author of many of the most controversial Taliban decrees, such as those depriving women of education and work and banning light entertainment such as music, television and movies.

President George W. Bush launched air strikes against Afghanistan on Oct. 7 after the Taliban refused to hand over bin Laden for his alleged role in the September terrorist attacks that killed 3,600 people in the United States.

"As long as the international terrorists are in our country, there will be no peace," Khaqzar told a news conference here.

Khaqzar, a former Taliban intelligence chief, said he had met Bin Laden only once and did not know how many members of his al-Qaida terrorist network were in Afghanistan.

However, he suspects Bin Laden and Omar are still in communication, despite recent Taliban claims that they do not know the Saudi exile's whereabouts.

Khaqzar is from the Taliban's spiritual homeland Kandahar and was once a friend of Omar's and part of the movement's inner circle. He said he abandoned the movement because he wanted peace in his homeland.

"I have fought for 23 years. I know that we have to have peace.

I want to work with all the parties and groups to bring peace," he said.

"I have been saying for a long time that the foreigners have to leave our country, that they have plans of their own and are destroying our country," Khaqzar said.

Khaqzar, who wore a black and white striped turban and unkempt beard as required by the Taliban, said he remained in Kabul when the city fell to the Northern Alliance on Nov. 13. *AP*

Ibero-American leaders join fight against terrorism

LIMA—Ibero-American leaders pledged Saturday to join efforts "to fight and punish" international terrorism wherever it occurs and whoever carries it out.

The effort will include the exchange of intelligence and extradition of terrorists, said 21 leaders of Latin America, Spain and Portugal in a final statement prepared for the two-day summit, which concluded here late Saturday.

Colombian President Andres Pastrana, whose country has often suffered terrorist violence said, "We have agreed to advance hand-in-hand in fighting terrorism."

Expressing solidarity with the United States, the leaders vowed "to fight terrorist acts in all its forms, wherever they may occur, whoever may carry them out."

They also agreed "to strengthen national legislation to prevent impunity" for terrorists.

The fight against terrorism, the statement said, must be carried out fully respecting human rights and United Nations resolutions, the statement said.

The Ibero-American leaders also addressed economic difficulties, which they said were worsened by the Sept. 11 attacks in Washington and New York. They cited "the drop in capital flows and direct foreign investment" to Latin America and urged rich nations to avoid protectionism in international trade. *AP*

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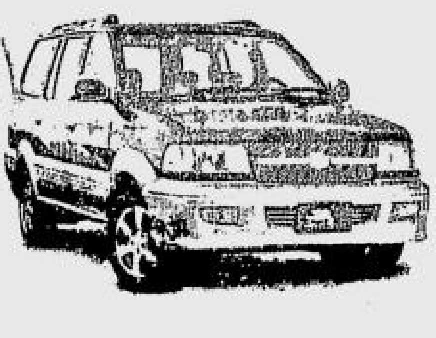

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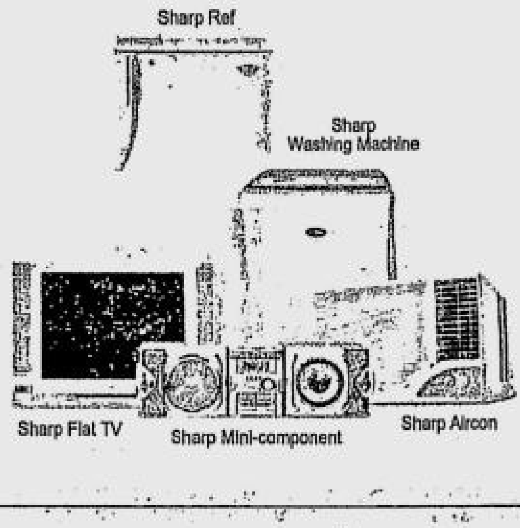

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Israeli helicopters attack Gaza Strip

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip—Israeli helicopters attacked Palestinian police and security facilities in several places in the Gaza Strip early on Sunday, eyewitnesses and officials on both sides said.

The latest violence raised fears of further turmoil just one day before the arrival of two American peace envoys in the region.

At Khan Younis, in the south of the Strip, two Palestinians were lightly injured when Israeli helicopters fired more than 12 missiles at a building that housed offices belonging to Palestinian security forces.

At Deir el-Ballah in the central Gaza Strip, the regional office of Yasser Arafat's Fatah party was struck and at Sudaniye in the northern Gaza Strip the headquarters of the Palestinian naval police was struck by missiles.

In addition, several Apache helicopters hovered over Gaza City, eyewitnesses said.

Ambulances rushed to the naval police facility and rescue teams searched through the rubble, but there were no immediate reports of casualties there.

At Khan Younis people were on their way to the mosques for the early morning prayers conducted during the holy month of Ramadan, when the attack came. People gathered in small groups and began shouting "Allahu Akbar—God is great," eyewitnesses said.

At Deir el-Ballah, children watched as firefighters rummaged through the remains of their portable housing, damaged when helicopters targeted an adjacent Fatah office. "I was getting ready for morning prayers, when I heard the helicopter," firefighter Adli Suleiman said. "I looked out the window and I saw a red flame coming toward me."

At least five missiles hit the buildings as he escaped, Suleiman said.

In Sudaniye, Palestinian naval police examined damage caused by missiles that penetrated the ceiling and one wall of their temporary headquarters—meters away from the rubble of the original headquarters, destroyed by Israeli warplanes in a May 15 retaliation for a suicide bombing.

The air strikes came hours after an Israeli soldier was killed and two were wounded in a mortar attack on the Jewish settlement of Kfar Darom, near Khan Younis. In a statement, the Islamic militant Hamas group took responsibility for the attack.

The Israeli Army spokesperson said the air attack was a reaction to repeated mortar attacks by the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip in recent weeks.

Over 70 mortars were fired in the past month, the Army spokesperson said in a press release.

The head of the Palestinian Public Security in the Gaza Strip, Brig. Gen. Abdel Malik el-Majeide said "this dangerous Israeli escalation comes on the eve of the arrival of American peace envoys and is aimed at sabotaging American and international efforts to revive the peace process."

The two American mediators, Assistant Secretary of State William Burns and retired Marine Corps Gen. Anthony Zinni, were due to arrive in the region on Monday, with the aim of reviving a truce deal and restarting peace talks between Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

The air strikes were the latest in a series of Israeli attacks on Palestinian militants. On Saturday tens of thousands of Palestinians called for vengeance at the funeral of a senior militant in the Islamic Hamas group who had been killed, together with two other Hamas activists, when a helicopter attacked their car.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said the senior militant, Mahmoud Abu-Hanoud, had been responsible for the deaths of scores of Israelis in suicide bombing attacks which he had masterminded.

Israel had acted in self-defense when it killed him, Peres said.

Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said Abu-Hanoud was planning new attacks and it was inconceivable not to have killed him, even on the eve of the American peace mission.

Abu-Hanoud had survived previous Israeli attempts to kill or capture him.

At the funeral, the local Hamas leader, Teissir Imran, told the mourners that Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon "has opened the door to hell, for himself and his people." The Hamas military wing, Izzedine al Qassam, said in a leaflet that it was "committed to avenging the blood of one of our leaders." *AP*

Crossair airliner crashes; 10 killed

ZURICH, Switzerland—A Swiss regional airliner from Berlin crashed on its landing approach to Zurich late Saturday. At least 10 people were killed, while nine more walked away from the wreckage, officials said.

The plane—an Avro RJ-100 Jumbolino belonging to Swissair subsidiary Crossair—was carrying 28 passengers and five crew members when it crashed. A fireball engulfed its midsection but the cockpit and tail areas were left largely unscathed, local police and airport officials said.

Ten bodies were found and the death toll was expected to rise.

"We have seen additional bodies but have not yet recovered them," Zurich police chief Peter Grueter told a news conference. He refused to speculate about the final number of dead.

Rescue workers with sniffer dogs worked through the bitterly cold night searching for the 14 missing people after issuing an urgent appeal for local people to help find possible survivors in a wooded area near Birchwil, a Zurich suburb about 3 km east of the airport.

All the nine confirmed survivors walked out to rescue workers, said Zurich airport's chief medical officer Remo Reichlin. Three had serious burns while the other six were less severely injured.

There was no indication whether the pilot and crew—all Swiss nationals—were among the survivors. Officials did not disclose the nationalities of the victims.

The cause of the crash—the second to strike Crossair in less than two years—was not immediately known. Weather conditions were poor at the time of the accident at 10:08 p.m. (2108 GMT), with rain and some snow. *AP*

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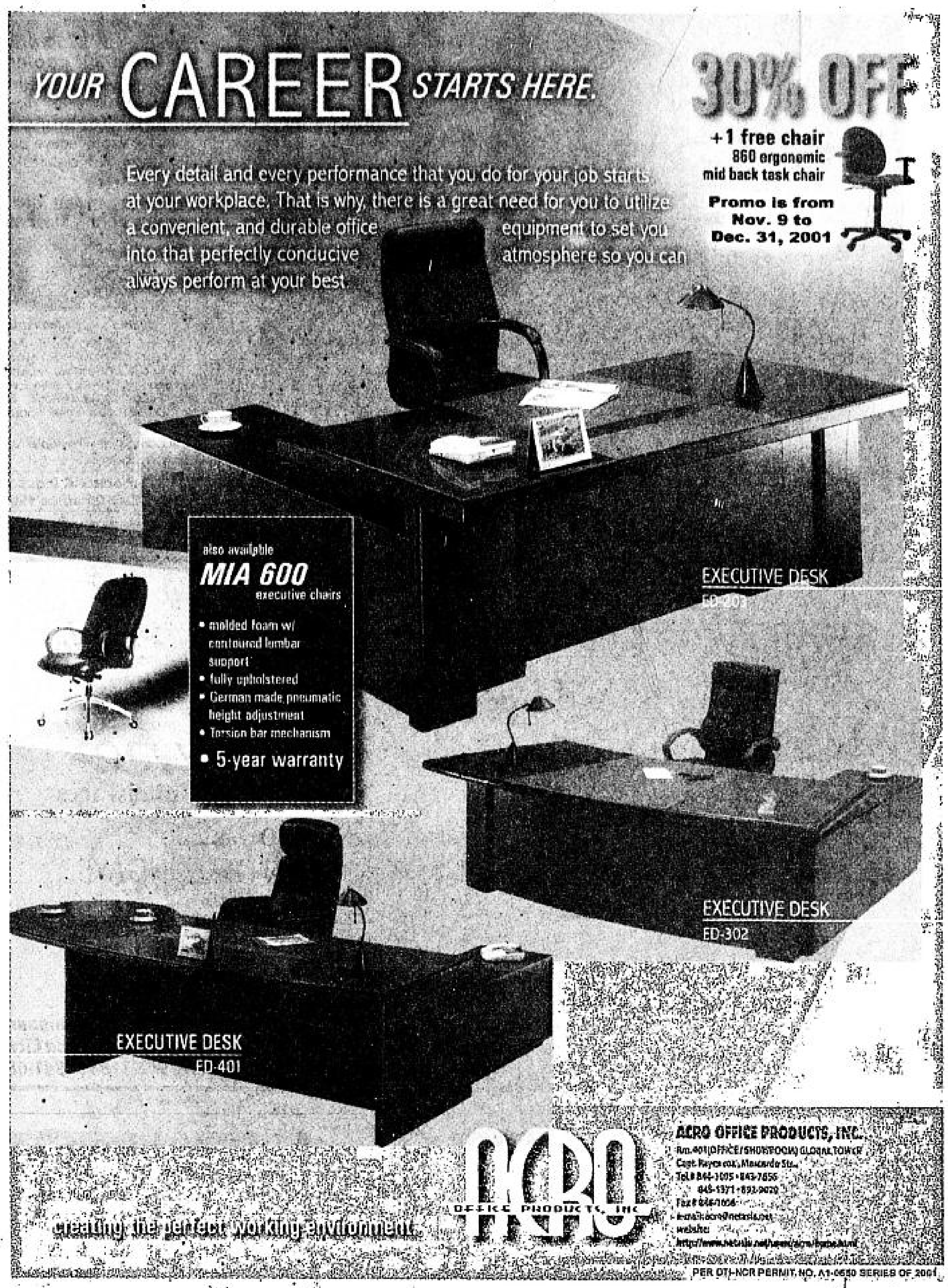
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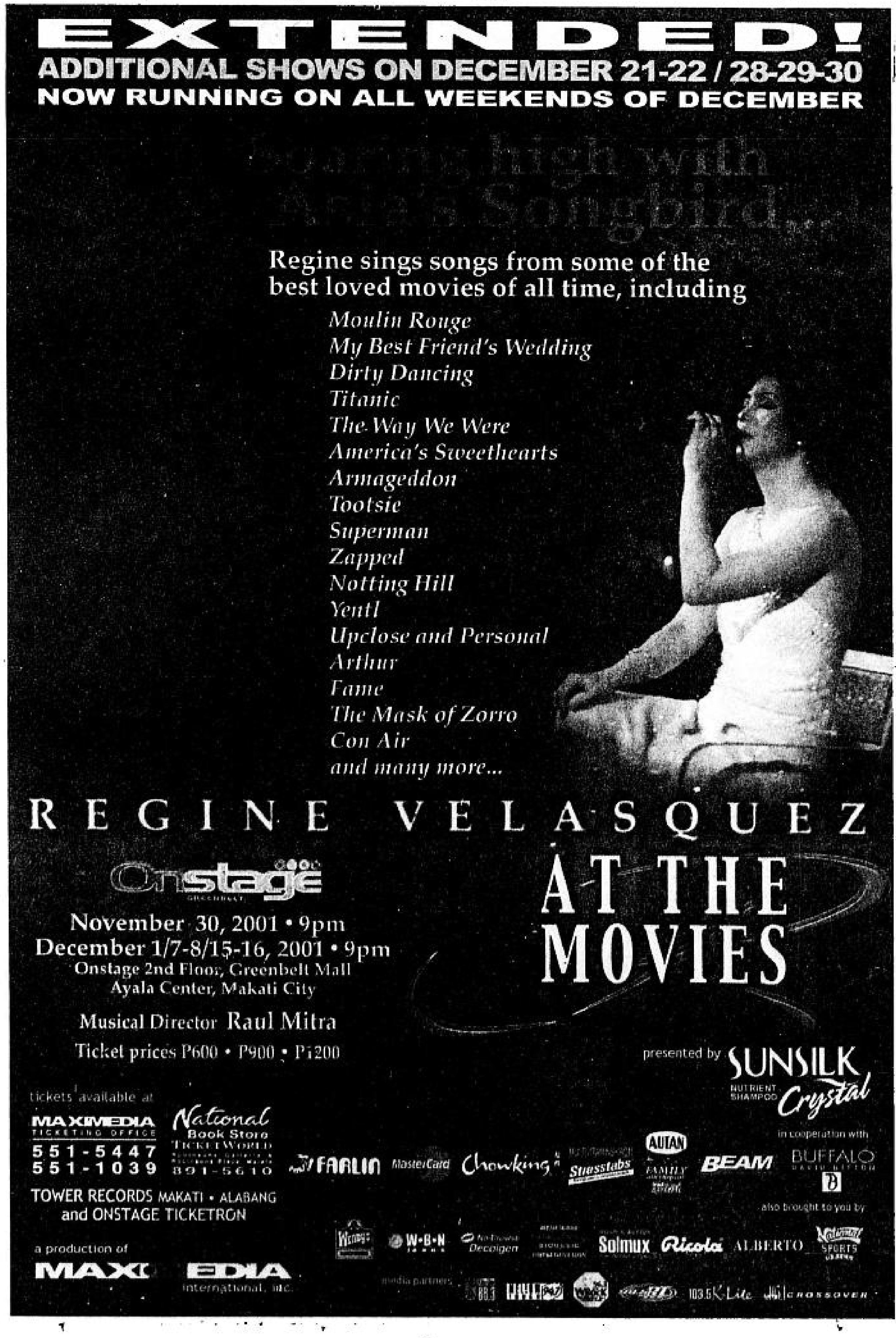
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Villagers defy rebels, save cops

BOLIVAR, Colombia—When the sun rose over this Andean town after a rebel attack, villagers emerged from the destruction to discover that five policemen had been captured and were being taken away.

Casting aside concerns for their own safety, the residents of Bolivar gathered by the hundreds in the town's colonial-era plaza and demanded the leftist rebels free the officers, who had defended the town for 15 hours, until they ran out of ammunition. Four of the captured policemen were wounded and bleeding.

After a tense two-hour standoff punctuated by warning shots, the rebels let the policemen go and marched out of town. It was an astounding chapter in Colombia's 37-year civil war, and made national headlines. Rarely has anyone, much less a whole town, defied either the rebels or the right-wing paramilitary militias that fight them.

But now the townspeople are beginning to consider the consequences of their decision to face down the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia on Nov. 17. They fear the rebels will return to exact their revenge.

After the attack, the National Police withdrew the police unit from Bolivar, as they have done in 179 other towns that are considered too vulnerable to rebel attack. It's not clear if the police will return to Bolivar.

Standing amid the wreckage of the house where he was raised, Francisco Ceron, 49, explained what pushed him to confront the rebels.

"It's an outrage, what they did here—the damage to everything," he told a visitor this week. "They have destroyed so much, people here are tired of it."

His mother, 70, cried nearby, occasionally exclaiming "What criminals!" She examined her home's 30-cm-thick walls that were damaged in the attack, her bed crushed by the wreckage of the roof, her kitchen all but destroyed.

The rebels entered Bolivar about 3 p.m. on Nov. 16. People had heard they were coming, and the town's 23 police officers spread out to try to defend the important buildings. Police were unable to helicopter in reinforcements to the isolated town because of heavy rains.

Hundreds of rebels attacked the town, blowing up the bank, part of the phone company, city hall. The civic hall, where the police set up headquarters after a July guerrilla attack destroyed their station, was also bombed and burned out.

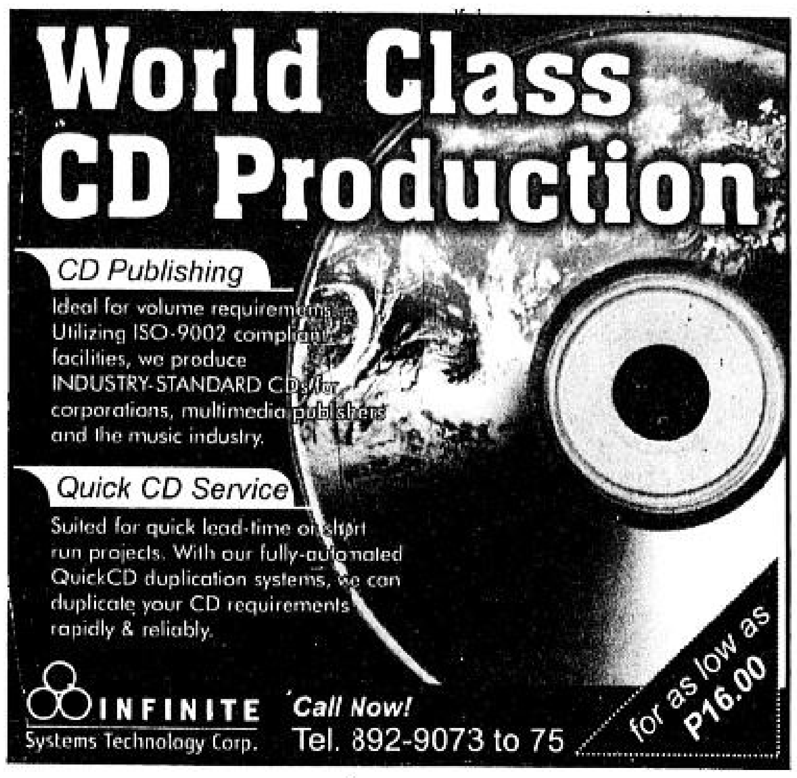
"They had us surrounded, and I had three men injured. We were running out of ammunition," recalled Sgt. Alonso Botias, the town police commander. "Finally, there was nothing more we could do."

Speaking to a reporter this week in the provincial capital, Popayan, Botias estimated that 300 guerrillas were involved in the attack. Others put the number at closer to 600.

Botias and the three injured officers with him were taken by the rebels around 6 a.m. Another injured officer was captured in a different part of town. The 18 other officers, also low on ammunition, escaped.

The guerrillas commandeered a bus and began heading out of town with the captured policemen. That was when the villagers decided to take a stand.

"People were saying... that after the police had fought defending us, we could not just let them be taken," explained Elena Burbano, a restaurant owner. Captured policemen are sometimes executed by the rebels. The rest spend years in rebel prison camps. *AP*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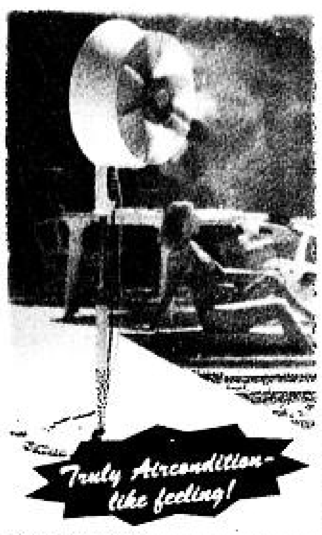
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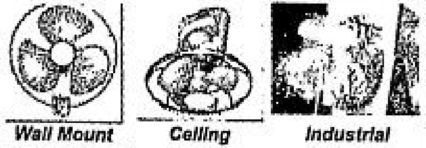
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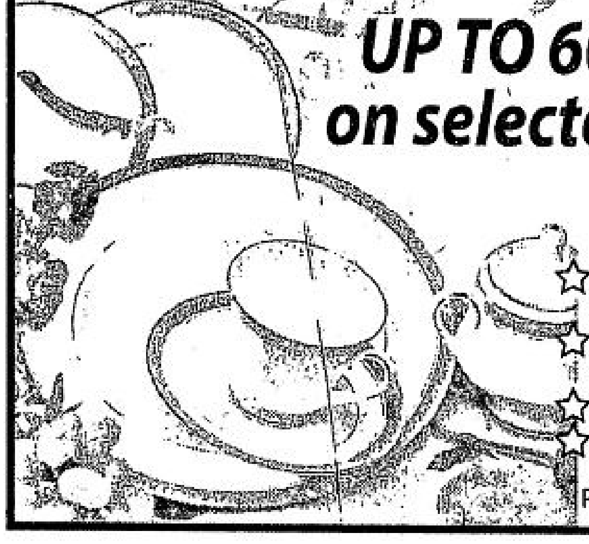
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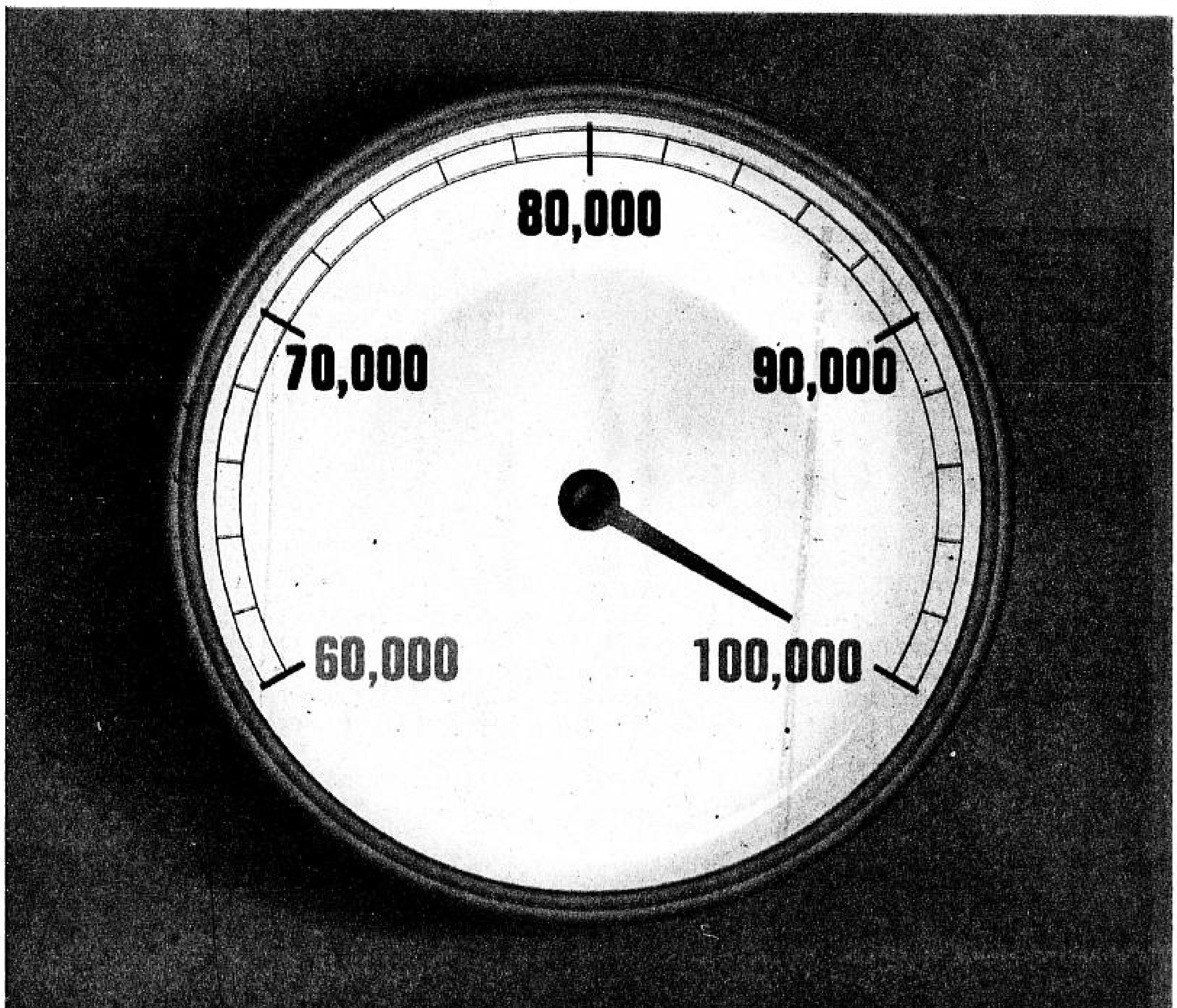

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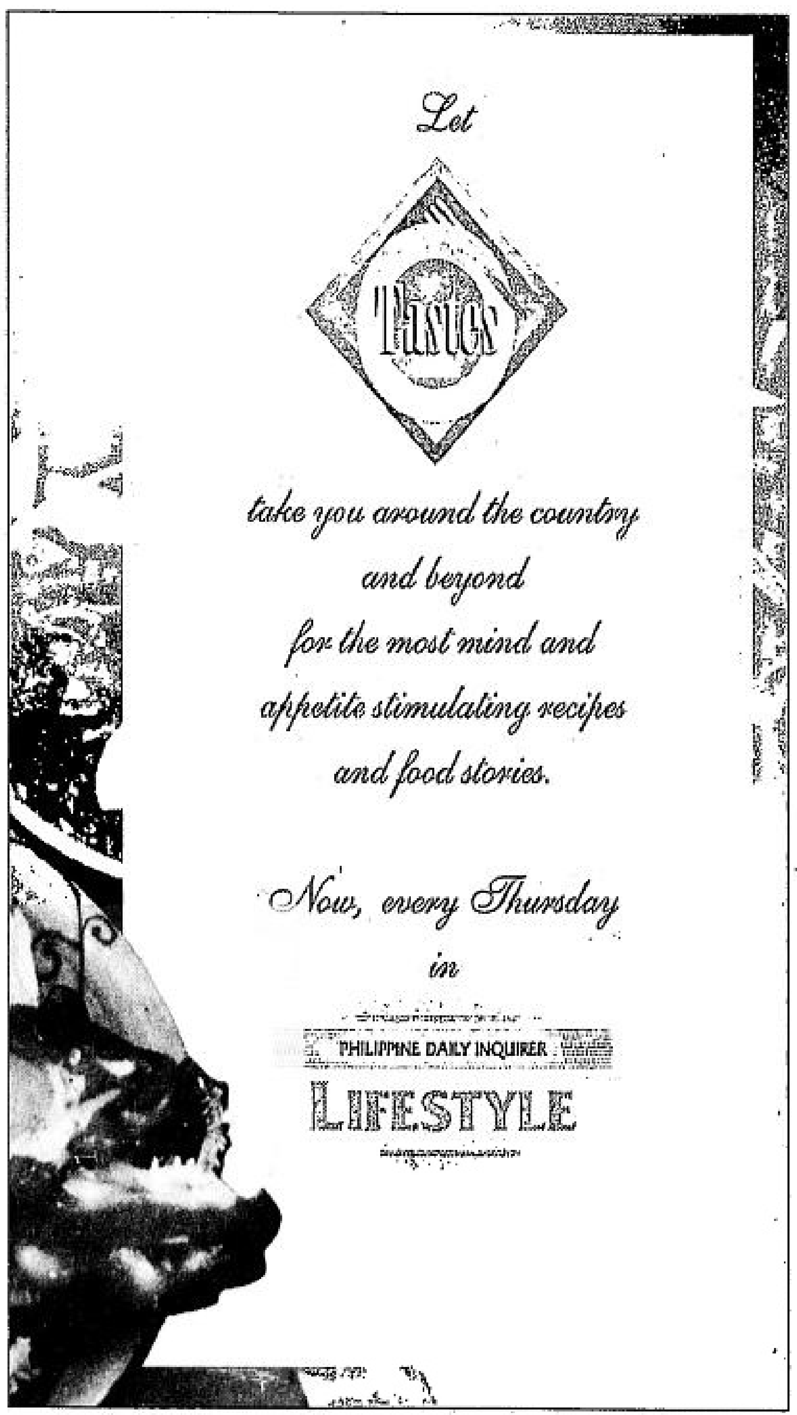
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Taliban's northern citadel falls

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Dostum, was also at Argannk, the staging point for the surrender and the site where the surrender accord was sealed, Mohammed said.

The former Taliban deputy defense minister, Mullah Faizil, was overseeing surrender operations inside the city.

Kunduz was defended by Taliban and foreign fighters, some loyal to Bin Laden. Refugees and witnesses said earlier in the siege that the foreign fighters killed Taliban troops who tried to give up, and terrorizing those who lived in the city.

On Sunday, though, the defenders were turning themselves in without a fight, alliance spokesperson Zaher Wasik said. The top Taliban commander, Noorallah Noori, was in the custody of the Northern Alliance, he said.

"A lot of Taliban are surrendering. Continuously they are coming to us. There is no fighting," he said, adding that alliance soldiers were converging on Kunduz from all directions.

Over by evening

The Northern Alliance press office in neighboring Tajikistan said about 900 defenders had surrendered overnight. "God willing, it will be over by this evening," it said in a statement.

A short time before alliance troops entered the city, alliance commander Gen. Daoud Khan had told reporters that if the defenders didn't surrender on Sunday, Kunduz would be taken by force.

Asked what would happen if the defenders didn't capitulate, he succinctly replied: "Fighting."

Nadeem said from Mazar-e-Sharif that foreigners were among those who fled the city overnight, some of them accompanied by Taliban troops.

The head of the Northern Alliance, former president Burhanuddin Rabbani, said there would be no slaughter of surrendering Taliban or foreign troops.

Afghan fighters for the Taliban who surrendered would be set free after "initial investigation," he said. Foreign fighters would not be punished.

"We will discuss their fate as far as international law is concerned . . . They should have no concern for their safety," he told journalists in Kabul.

A day earlier, more than 1,100 fighters from the Taliban side had turned themselves in by nightfall. The Afghans among them were welcomed like brothers by Northern Alliance troops, with kisses and embraces; the foreigners were taken off to a detention center.

When the siege of Kunduz began on Nov. 12, alliance commanders estimated that 10,000 Taliban troops and 3,000 foreigners were defending the city.

Despite the mass surrender, it was unclear whether the hard core of foreign fighters loyal to Bin Laden—most of them Arabs, Chechens or Pakistanis—would opt to fight to the finish.

Suicide

At least one staged a suicide surrender on Saturday—giving up, then setting off a hand grenade while waiting to be searched. Two of his comrades were killed along with him, and an alliance officer was seriously hurt.

The United States had strongly opposed any surrender agreement that would allow the foreign fighters to go free.

President Bush launched air strikes against Afghanistan on Oct. 7 after the Taliban refused to hand over Bin Laden for his alleged role in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. *AP*

Telecom exec . . .

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for recalling her veto voiding his company's legislative franchise.

Presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao strongly denied the allegation as "a complete lie."

In his sworn statement, Marcelo revealed that his allegation was based on his own say-so.

He said he recalled the President's statements, but did not say whether he had a tape recording or transcript documenting the meeting.

Marcelo also did not specify the date when the alleged meeting with the President took place.

Marcelo, who admitted being the principal stockholder of both Philippine Communications Clearinghouse Inc. and APC Wireless Interface Network, said the President was adamant about getting majority control.

"You see, Mr. Marcelo, it is important to us that we must have majority interest in this clearinghouse. If you are amenable to relinquishing majority control of your company, then perhaps I can help you," he recalled the President as saying.

When he allegedly replied as follows, "Madam President, if we give you 51 percent of our company, that will leave us very little for ourselves," the President allegedly answered: "Then I am sorry. There is nothing I can do for you."

In the last paragraph (No. 66) of his statement, however, Marcelo cleared First Gentleman Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo of the bribery charge that had started the telecommunications clearinghouse scandal in the first place.

"So it is not true that Mike Arroyo received a bribe of P40 million for the recall of the veto of our two franchise bills, although an attempt was made through Ito Los Baños. What is true however is that the President asked from me the majority and controlling interest in (PCCI)."

Sworn statement

Marcelo's sworn statement was dated Nov. 23 and notarized on the same day.

The scandal stemmed from Ms Macapagal's veto of the congressional franchises of PCCI and APC, and the alleged bribe paid to Arroyo to influence the President into rescinding her own veto. She did not.

Citing income projections from data supplied by telecommunication giants Smart and Globe, PCCI as an "access center to all calls across the different telecommunications networks" was supposed to make $1.1 billion in annual revenues, Marcelo said.

This amount, however, is greater than what Smart and Globe together earn in a year.

Tiglao yesterday welcomed Marcelo's filing of a sworn statement. "It's now going to be documented and no longer just his statements (before media) which he can easily deny. We can respond to it point by point," Tiglao said.

In his affidavit, Marcelo said the President's alleged demand for him to give up controlling shares in PCCI was not the first attempt by the administration to wrest control of the company.

Marcelo said that a certain Atty. Jess Manalo, who claimed to represent the Carpio, Villaraza & Cruz Law Office, earlier presented such a proposal to him and his business associate Dante Madriaga.

The law firm's founders include newly appointed Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonio Carpio and Presidential Legal Counsel Avelino "Nonong" Cruz.

"The proposal was that we relinquish 51-percent equity in PCCI: 30 percent we will give up for free and 21 percent will be paid for at a premium. If we can do that, the recall of the veto can be arranged through Atty. Cruz, the presidential legal counsel."

"My associates and I met to discuss the proposal but we found it too high a price to pay," Marcelo said.

Shakedown

But Tiglao turned the tables on Marcelo, saying it was the telecommunications executive who was actually the one doing the shakedown.

"It was Marcelo who was shaking down GMA. He was probably thinking he could pressure this government into favoring his business interests by putting out these unfounded charges," Tiglao said.

He said Marcelo's claims were "shocking," not because of what they purport to reveal but because of the brashness they displayed.

"We are shocked at how brazen Marcelo is moving about and it appears he is being motivated if not being used by the opposition," Tiglao said.

He said even Marcelo's former business partners at PCCI were coming out with their own sworn statements to belie Marcelo's charges against Ms Macapagal.

Tiglao said six of the partners were set to file their own affidavits today before the Senate blue ribbon committee.

Palace sources identified three of them: Guillermo Yanza Jr., incorporator, director for business development and president of PCCI; Voltaire Alcantara, director and chief operating officer; and Dante Madriago, director and chief technical officer.

Sources said the six would belie Marcelo's allegations of an attempt by the President to take over PCCI.

Tiglao admitted that the President and Marcelo met in Malacañang, but under different circumstances than what Marcelo claimed.

First, it was Marcelo who sought the meeting with Ms Macapagal and not the other way around, Tiglao said.

"He wanted an audience because he claimed he didn't want to be mistaken as the one spreading rumors against Mike," Tiglao said.

Second, Marcelo tried to sell to the President the idea of a telecommunications clearinghouse, which Macapagal rejected, Tiglao said. "If ever such a clearinghouse would be set up, it must be among the major players themselves," Tiglao said.

Palace meeting

Marcelo said he was summoned to Malacañang by Mai-Mai Jimenez, the President's appointments secretary.

He said that at first, Ms Macapagal thanked him for a statement issued by PCCI, saying nobody was bribed in connection with the telecommunications controversy.

Marcelo noted that this statement was issued by his PCCI associates, through the efforts of a certain Manuel "Ower" Andal, "a close supporter of the President," sometime between July and August while he (Marcelo) was still in the United States.

Marcelo then asked the President why he was being suspected of being a dummy of Jaime Dichaves, a close associate of ousted President Joseph Estrada.

He also asked the President if he could still do business with the Department of Transportation and Communications and the National Telecommunications Commission.

"Yes, you can do business with DOTC and NTC. I told (DOTC Secretary) Bebot Alvarez about this already. You are not blacklisted," the President supposedly responded.

Marcelo said he asked the President if he could refile the legislative franchise applications of PCCI.

"Immediately the President cut me off, saying: 'No, you cannot set up a clearinghouse. For as long as I am President, you cannot set up a clearinghouse. We will set up the clearinghouse,'" he said.

When he brought up his plan to reapply for a legislative franchise, Marcelo was allegedly again cut off by the President.

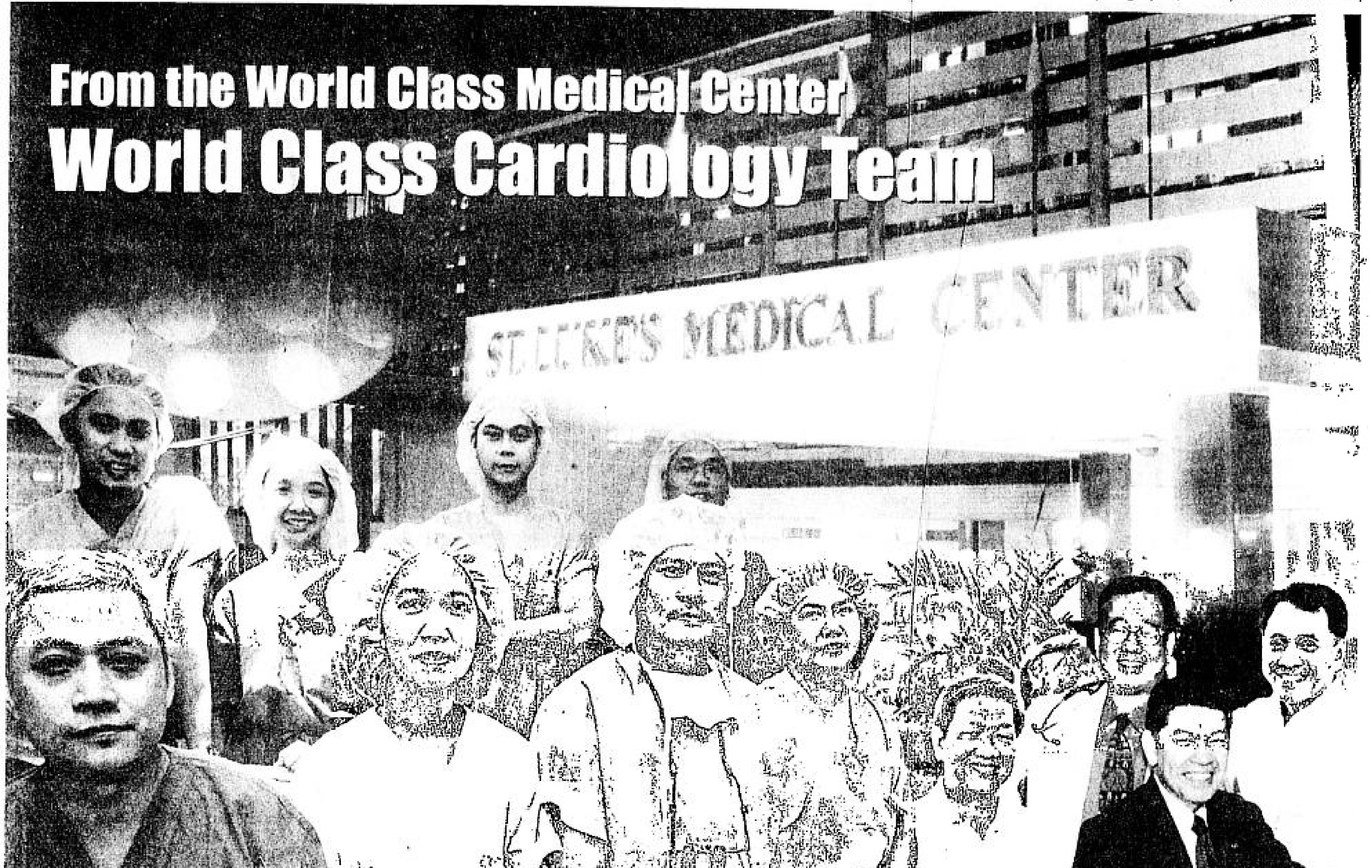
"No, no, no. You cannot set up the clearinghouse. We will set it up ourselves. We must have the majority interest in this clearinghouse," he recalled Ms Macapagal allegedly saying.

Marcelo said it "immediately dawned on me that she was not talking about the government setting up the clearinghouse."

"She was talking of her own group setting up the clearinghouse, instead of giving it to me," Marcelo said.

In Malacañang, Tiglao said the government was compiling evidence before filing a case of falsification of documents against Marcelo. As an American citizen, he cannot own more than 40 percent of a telecommunications company, but according to Marcelo's own sworn statement, he owns 85 percent of PCCI and 80 percent of APC.

"Very early next week," Tiglao said when asked how soon charges will be filed against Marcelo. "As soon as all documents are in."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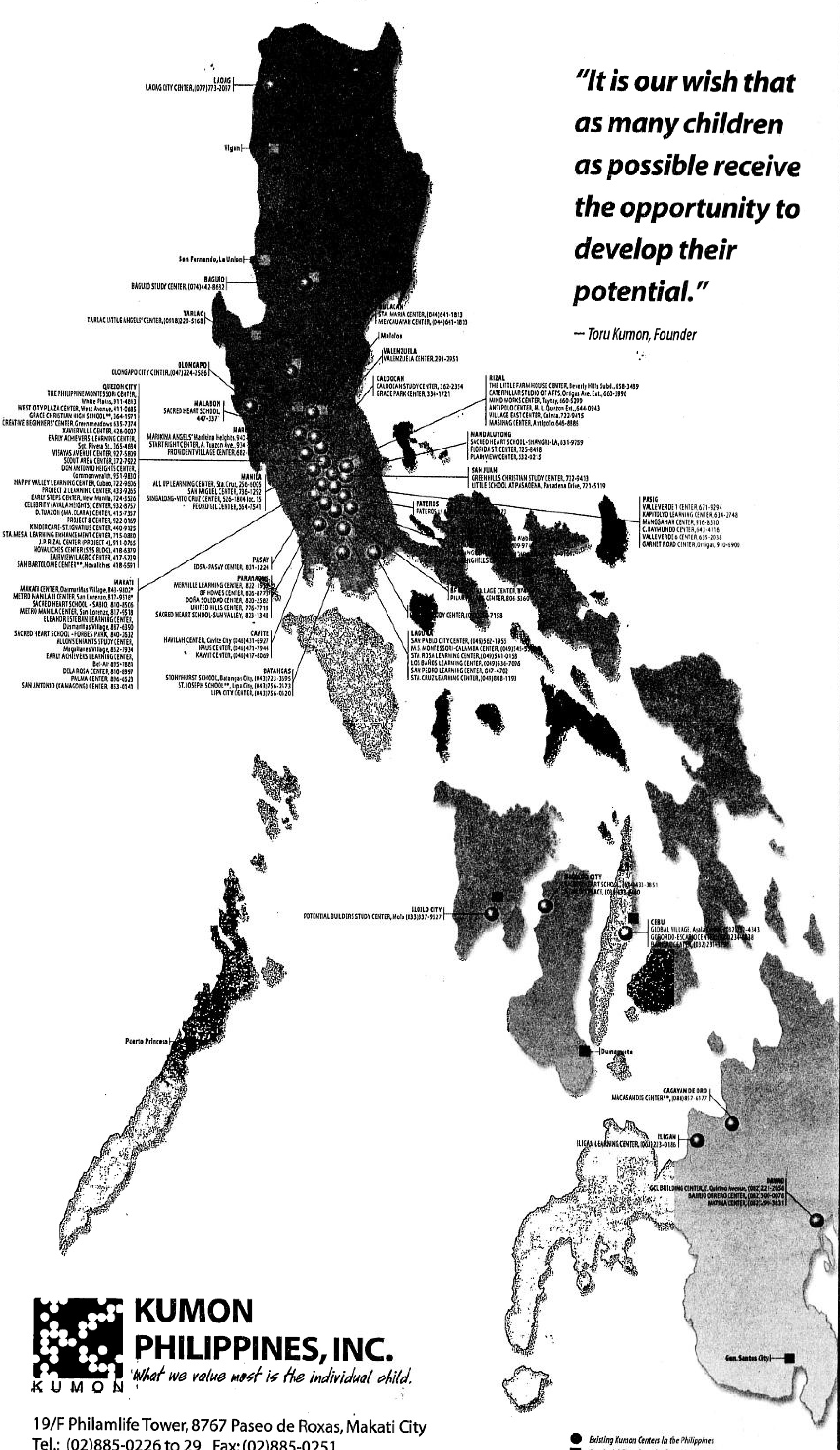
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Opposition offers help on Misuari

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet—Saying President Macapagal-Arroyo was not to blame for Nur Misuari's rebellion, Sen. Edgardo Angara said here Friday the opposition is offering her a five-year Mindanao peace plan that could also solve her administration's deficit problems.

The peace plan was actually ousted President Joseph Estrada's "Mindanao Agenda," which allocated P4 billion for the island's restoration, modernization and social engineering to mitigate his "all-out war" against the Moro Islamic Liberation Front last year.

The plan was packaged in November 2000, but was waylaid by the impeachment trial that eventually led to the Edsa People Power II and Estrada's ouster.

The plan could cushion the military campaign now being waged against Misuari, outgoing governor of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), and support a diplomatic offensive against terrorism and extremism, Angara said.

He was here to grace Benguet's 101st charter anniversary celebration.

Angara said the government would end up spending far lower than what three administrations had spent to develop Mindanao.

"Government poured millions (of public funds) into ARMM and yet Misuari can't show any project that has a tangible benefit to his people. It was his own people who formed a Council of 15 and ousted him from the (Moro National Liberation Front)," Angara said.

But he added: "(Misuari's rebellion) is (the result of) the inertia that governments of all kinds have been guilty of in (their treatment) of Muslims."

The opposition offer would be reflected in the Senate deliberation of the proposed P780-billion national budget measure for 2002, he said.

Angara said he "had not been too happy" about the budget bill which had just been passed by the House of Representatives.

In a press statement, Angara called the House budget bill a "sub-maintenance budget that will pull down our economy even further because it encourages expenditure cuts for "pump-priming."

He also criticized a plan of Sen. John Osmeña to slash P30 billion from the budget approved by the House, for the same reason.

Both the Mindanao Agenda and an examination of the fund allocations to the Agricultural and Fisheries Modernization Act would be Angara's central issues once the House measure is presented to the Senate next week.

Both concerns are "poverty alleviation programs," Angara said, because the poorest areas are located in Central Mindanao, site of the current military campaigns.

"Central Mindanao also has the highest unemployment rate," he added.

Angara said Ms Macapagal should take the opposition's offer in good faith, and advised Malacañang not to be "distracted" by last week's controversy between the opposition and administration senators.

The call of Sen. Teresita Aquino-Oreta for senators to vacate the Senate committees was not a grab for administration power but a "symbolic gesture of protest" from the minority for the leadership vacuum opened up by Ms Macapagal's overseas trips, he said.

He said the opposition was merely reacting to the absence of Ms Macapagal, Vice President Teofisto Guingona, Cabinet members and even congressional leaders on the day Misuari's forces attacked Sulu last Monday. "There was no political leadership, which should have guided our military (in addressing Misuari's rebellion)," he said.

Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Visayas and Mindanao including Palawan will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of Luzon will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers.

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Roxas	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 30° Lo 21°
Cebu	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 30° Lo 24°
Tacloban	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 30° Lo 24°
Gen. Santos	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 30° Lo 24°
Zamboanga	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 29° Lo 24°
Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 31° Lo 23°
Davao	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 31° Lo 24°

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ROUNDUP

1,000 families flee

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Continuous rains on Saturday forced some 1,000 families in Barangays Amoros and Molugan in El Salvador, Misamis Oriental to evacuate to safe grounds. Casiano Matela, Office of Civil Defense director for Northern Mindanao, said most of those who evacuated were women and children. Chief Supt. Rodolfo Caisip, Regional Disaster Coordinating Council chair, has ordered rescue teams and the police medical groups to stay in the affected areas.

Grace Cantal-Albasin, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Papal Nuncio in La Union

LUNA, La Union—Rev. Antonio Franco, apostolic nuncio to the Philippines, blessed anew the shrine of the "miraculous" Lady of Namacpacan here on Saturday, exactly 42 years after the image was canonically crowned as the "Immaculate Conception of Namacpacan" in 1959. Franco, who is also the archbishop of Gallese and ambassador of the Holy See, was here for a five-day pastoral visit, the longest stay by a papal nuncio in the Diocese of La Union and the first in eight years.

Gia Damaso-Dumo, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Power for Catanduanes

VIRAC, Catanduanes—A brighter Christmas is seen in this island-province with the scheduled operation of a three-megawatt power barge and a one-megawatt generator set from the National Power Corp. Gov. Leandro Verceles Jr. said the two additional power generators were expected to solve the frequent power failure in the province. Two more generator sets will arrive in the province by April and December next year, he said.

Job Belen, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Good harvest in Bicol

NAGA CITY—The Department of Agriculture here said four Bicol provinces had good palay harvests from January to September and gave assurance that the region had sufficient rice supply. Fe Laysa, DA regional executive director, said on Thursday that palay production in Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Catanduanes and Albay have exceeded their respective demands and rice stocks far outweighed the demands. Laysa attributed the bigger yield to good weather and enough rainfall, and the increased use of certified seeds.

Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Mayor hits media

BAUAN, Batangas—Mayor Herminigildo Dolor has vented his ire on local journalists for informing the public about the reason for brownouts in this town. The National Power Corp. earlier cut off power supply to the Bauan Electric Light System due to unpaid bills amounting to P83 million. Dolor dismissed the problem and berated the media for coming out with bad stories about the town.

Mei Magsino, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

River clean-up project

LUCENA CITY—Provincial and city officials have joined hands in resuscitating the Iyam and Dumacaa rivers, which traverse opposite sides of the city. Proponents of the project, who include non-government groups, called for strict implementation of city ordinances related to the protection of the rivers and their tributaries. The project involves the planting of bamboo, coconut trees and other indigenous trees and ornamental plants along the riverbanks.

Delfin Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

10 nabbed for 'jueteng'

LUCENA CITY—Police arrested 10 men allegedly involved in jueteng operations in a surprise raid on a house at Purok Kurba, Barangay Ibabang Iyam here. The men were reportedly led by a certain "Mr. Barriata," an alleged jueteng lord engaged in guerrilla-style gambling operations. Police confiscated P14,000 in bets and gambling paraphernalia during the raid.

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Counterfeiters arrested

GUMACA, Quezon—Police arrested four suspected members of a "fake money" syndicate after the group passed off a bogus P1,000 bill at a local store in Pitogo town. A police report identified the suspects as Ramon, Susan and Roberto, all surnamed Sta. Maria and residents of Caloocan City; and Eduardo Malihan, of Batasan Hills, Quezon City. A police blocking force apprehended the car-riding suspects along the highway as the group approached the poblacion.

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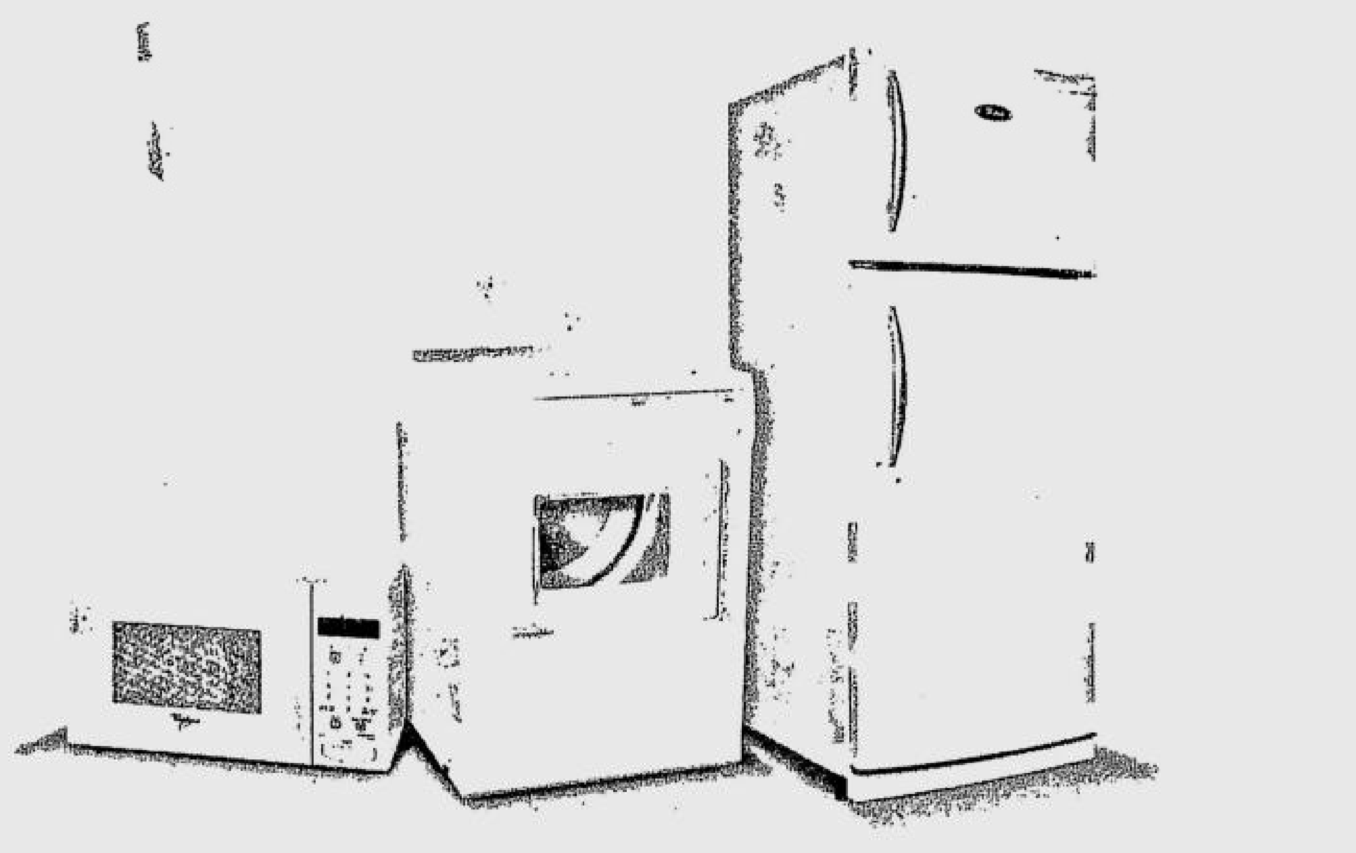

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200 Samar soldiers sent to Mindanao

TACLOBAN CITY—At least 200 soldiers from Northern Samar were sent to the Armed Forces of the Philippines' Southern Command in Mindanao on Wednesday as "augmentation force" in the continuing conflict between the government and Moro extremists.

The soldiers, belonging to the Philippine Army's 19th Infantry Battalion based in Barangay Rawis, Laoang, Northern Samar, were flown to Zamboanga City on board a C-130 plane from Catarman, the capital town of Northern Samar.

Brig. Gen. Romeo Dominguez, commanding general of the 8th Infantry Division based in Catbalogan, Samar, said the sending of additional troops to war-torn areas in Mindanao was ordered by top AFP officials to reinforce government troopers fighting Moro rebels in the area.

Dominguez said in a telephone interview yesterday that the order from Camp Aguinaldo to send additional troops to Southern Mindanao was received by his command on Monday.

Col. Rafael Romero, commander of the 803rd I.B., said the soldiers left in two batches, the first at 8 a.m. and the second at 2 p.m.

He said soldiers would be deployed to Basilan province after their briefing in Zamboanga City.

The soldiers who were pulled out from the Army unit in Laoang will be replaced by troops from the 63rd Infantry Battalion based in Barangay Urdaneta, Lavezares town, also in Northern Samar, Romero said.

The government is engaged in peace talks with a rebel faction, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, but skirmishes continue between soldiers and guerrillas.

A ceasefire was signed in Kuala Lumpur recently, but both sides to the agreement have accused each other of violating its provisions.

Various tribal groups in Mindanao are also urging the government to allow them to participate in the fourth round of peace talks between the government and the MILF.

Datu Ramon Bayaan, chair of Panagtagbo Mindanao said tribal leaders are more concerned on issues affecting their struggle for recognition of the ancestral domain, which they said would greatly contribute to a genuine and lasting peace in the island.

"*Kami ang lubos na naapektuhan nang maglunsad ng* 'all out war' *laban sa rebelyon ang gobyerno sa* Mindanao. The *lumads* have the right to sit in the panel," Bayaan said.

He said in previous peace negotiations, members of the indigenous communities were left out resulting to the loss of their rights to their ancestral lands.

"But we are optimistic that during the fourth round of talks, both panels will recognize our rights, especially on the aspect of ancestral domain."

Cynthia Borgueta, PDI Visayas Bureau and Rosa-May de Guzman, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Abra violence, rape cases up

BAGUIO CITY—Abra has the most domestic violence and sexual abuse cases in the Cordillera, hospital records from January to October this year showed.

Documents from the Department of Health showed that Abra hospitals recorded 455 cases of sexual, physical and emotional and psychological abuse this year. All other Cordillera provinces recorded only 155 of such cases.

A separate report from the Philippine National Police said most rape cases in the region were committed on children.

According to the DOH, Abra hospitals reported 17 sexual abuse cases of minors compared to three each for Ifugao and Mt. Province and two each for Benguet and Kalinga.

Abra has eight sexual abuse cases for patients' 18 years old and above while Apayao has five, Mt. Province and Kalinga have three each, and Ifugao and Kalinga have two each.

Records from the women's desk of the Baguio City police showed that there were eight rape cases in Baguio and one incestuous rape case.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development documented 98 sexual abuse and four sexual exploitation cases.

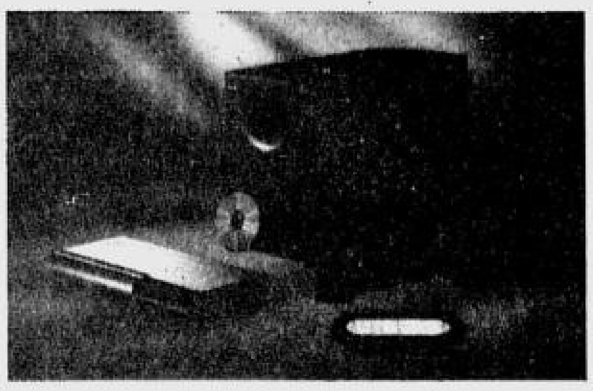
Abra hospitals also documented 32 physical abuse cases committed against children and 324 cases on women 18 years old and above.

Abra also recorded 16 cases of emotional and psychological abuse of children and eight of those 18 years old and above while hospitals in other Cordillera provinces recorded no such cases.

The Cordillera police noted that from January to September this year, there were 67 rape cases on minors compared to 27 on adults in the region.

There were 173 physical injuries among women compared to 50 on children.

Frank Cimatu, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau



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3 cops linked to vigilantes

DAVAO CITY—At least three members of the Southern Mindanao police were linked to the Davao Death Squad, a self-styled vigilante group that targets suspected drug pushers and other criminals here.

Senior Supt. Charlemagne Alejandrino, chief of Task Force Vigilance, said they already put the lawmen under close surveillance.

The task force was created after alleged DDS hit men gunned down 15 suspected drug pushers and cell phone snatchers in September and October.

"Right now, our (pieces of) evidence (against the policemen) are still circumstantial, they won't stand in court," Alejandrino said.

He said witnesses have identified the three policemen, at one time or another, near the crime scene and that they might have some knowledge about the killings.

Alejandrino said the witnesses are, however, reluctant to provide written statements that would back up their claims because of fear.

"It's very hard to file charges against these policemen. They might have pulled the trigger or contacted somebody to do it, but we (still) don't know that," he said.

A VICTIM of the Davao Death Squad. RYAN LIM

The DDS, allegedly supported by Mayor Rodrigo Duterte, was heavily criticized by militant organizations here especially after it included minors among its targets.

Out of the total number of those killed by suspected DDS gunmen, at least seven were minors.

Some militant organizations said they even suspect that some police officers were conniving with the vigilante group. *Joel Escovilla, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

MILF chair's brod tagged kidnap protector

PIKIT, North Cotabato—Gov. Emmanuel Piñol said reports that the younger brother of Moro Islamic Liberation Front chair Salamat Hashim has links with the Pentagon kidnap group have been verified.

Piñol said Hadji Samir Hashim "was the one issuing orders (to MILF forces) to protect the kidnappers and their hostages from pursuing government troops."

"I know this because Muslims in the villages where the kidnappers have been were the ones telling me," he said.

The MILF has repeatedly denied any involvement with the Pentagon.

"We are a revolutionary organization and not a band of bandits," Eid Kabalu, MILF spokesperson, said.

The kidnapping group is being blamed by the military for the series of abductions that hit North Cotabato, including that of four Chinese nationals working in a foreign funded irrigation project three months ago.

Martina Martin, 33, a rice trader based in Libungan town was the group's latest victim.

An operation launched by the military to rescue her has so far resulted in heavy fighting with the MILF that began on Friday last week in some villages of this town.

As of Thursday last week, some 24,000 residents have flocked to the town center.

Major Julieto Ando, spokesperson of the Army's 4th Infantry Division, said more than a dozen MILF fighters were already killed since fighting started.

He said the military did not target the MILF but later found that the rebels were acting as backup for the Pentagon, led by Tahir Alonto.

"They fired at us first so we have to retaliate," Ando said.

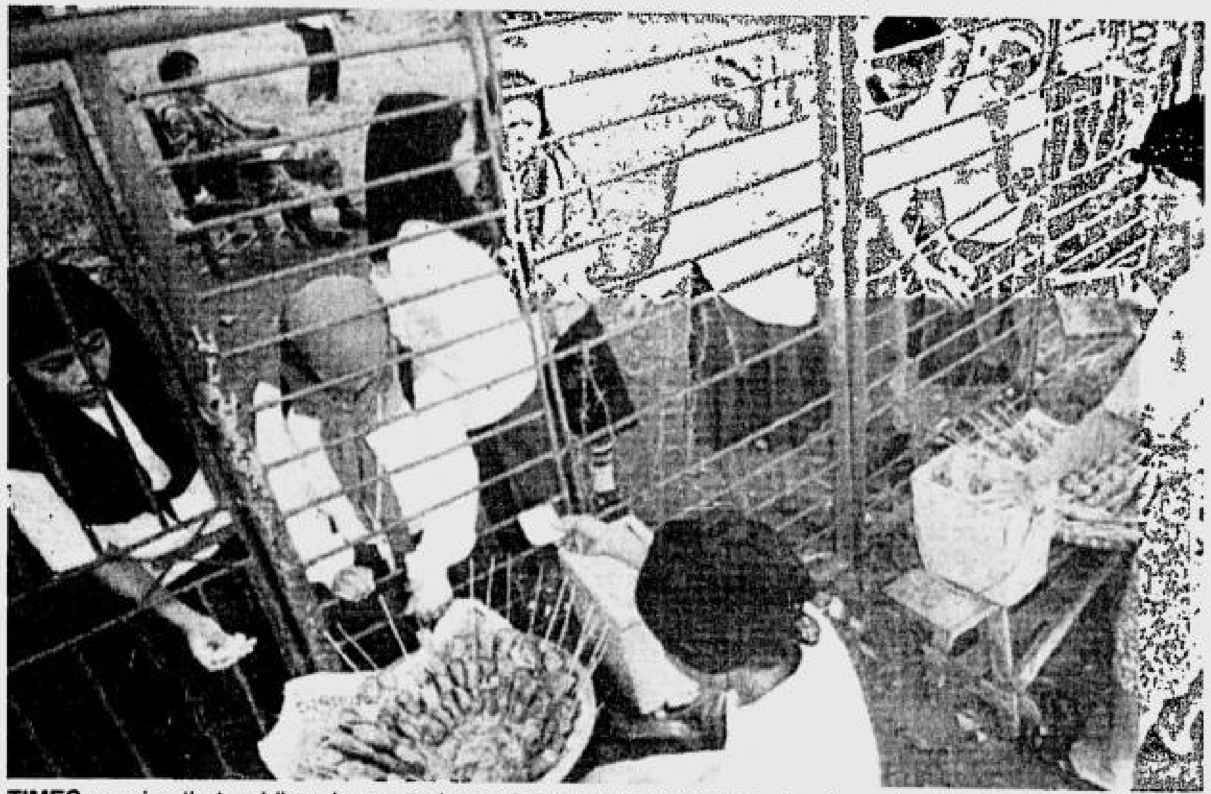
Mayor Farida Malingco said most of the evacuees came from villages around the Liguasan Marsh.

Kunesa Sekak, social welfare regional director, said relief workers in the province have distributed rice and extended other forms of assistance to the evacuees.

Still reeling from the effects of the Estrada administration's all-out war against the MILF last year, Sekak admitted that the DSWD has limited resources.

More than 100,000 people from this town alone have left their homes last year when ousted President Joseph Estrada ordered the military to attack MILF positions all over Mindanao.

Some of the earlier evacuees have yet to return home when hostilities broke out anew. *Charlie Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau*



TIMES require that soldiers be posted at schools as Muslim students of a school in Basilan buy snacks from vendors outside their school fence. CHARLIE SACEDA

Canal ruined Pinatubo appeal, says geologist

By T. Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

RODOLFO

BACOLOR, Pampanga—The 70-meter canal juts out like a jagged gash. Mounds of earth scooped from the trench are left to waste, turning into muddy pools when rains pour. Rocks, also dug from four meters deep, indiscriminately line the Maraunot Trail.

On the O'Donnel side, Maladukon trees have been cut and bushes have been flattened to make way for 10 large tents used by Army soldiers, Aeta workers, geologists and engineers. Garbage cram hollow dumps filled with mostly empty cans of sardines and sachets of instant noodles.

This is Mt. Pinatubo, at least in the vicinity of its placid yet still dangerous crater-lake, after the Sept. 6 breaching.

"It's been made unsightly by the haphazard work," geologist Kelvin Rodolfo said here after his Thursday's mapping around the 3-km wide Pinatubo crater.

Ease pressure

The Philippine Institute of Seismology and Volcanology and the Department of Public Works and Highways induced the breaching to ease the pressure of crater wall collapse and minimize the risks of water breakout or overflow to the lowest trench facing Botolan town in Zambales.

The canal did not, however, blend well with the crater's landscape, Rodolfo said.

The task, carried out on limited funds and in a race against the rainy season, diminished the tourism appeal of this volcano that in June 1991 gave the world the second biggest eruption of the 20th century, he said.

"It was really a beautiful spot (before the breaching). They (Phivolcs and DPWH) have to give back some of that beauty because the Aetas depend on Pinatubo tourism for a living," Rodolfo told the INQUIRER.

The lake, estimated to contain some 200 million cubic meters of water, formed when the crater caved in during eruptions 10 years ago.

Other job

Aetas from Capas in Tarlac on the volcano's north, Sapang Bato in Angeles City on the east and Botolan on the west complement their farming with their off and on jobs as guides along these trails.

Down the canal, on the headwaters of Maraunot River, several waterfalls dot the landscape that have attracted hundreds of tourists, mostly foreigners.

"It has to be a beautiful spillway. Any restoration work for tourism must intimately involve the Aetas. It has to have their imprimatur. It's their mountain," Rodolfo said.

He also objected to massive engineering work that the DPWH plans to do starting next year to improve the canal's discharge rate.

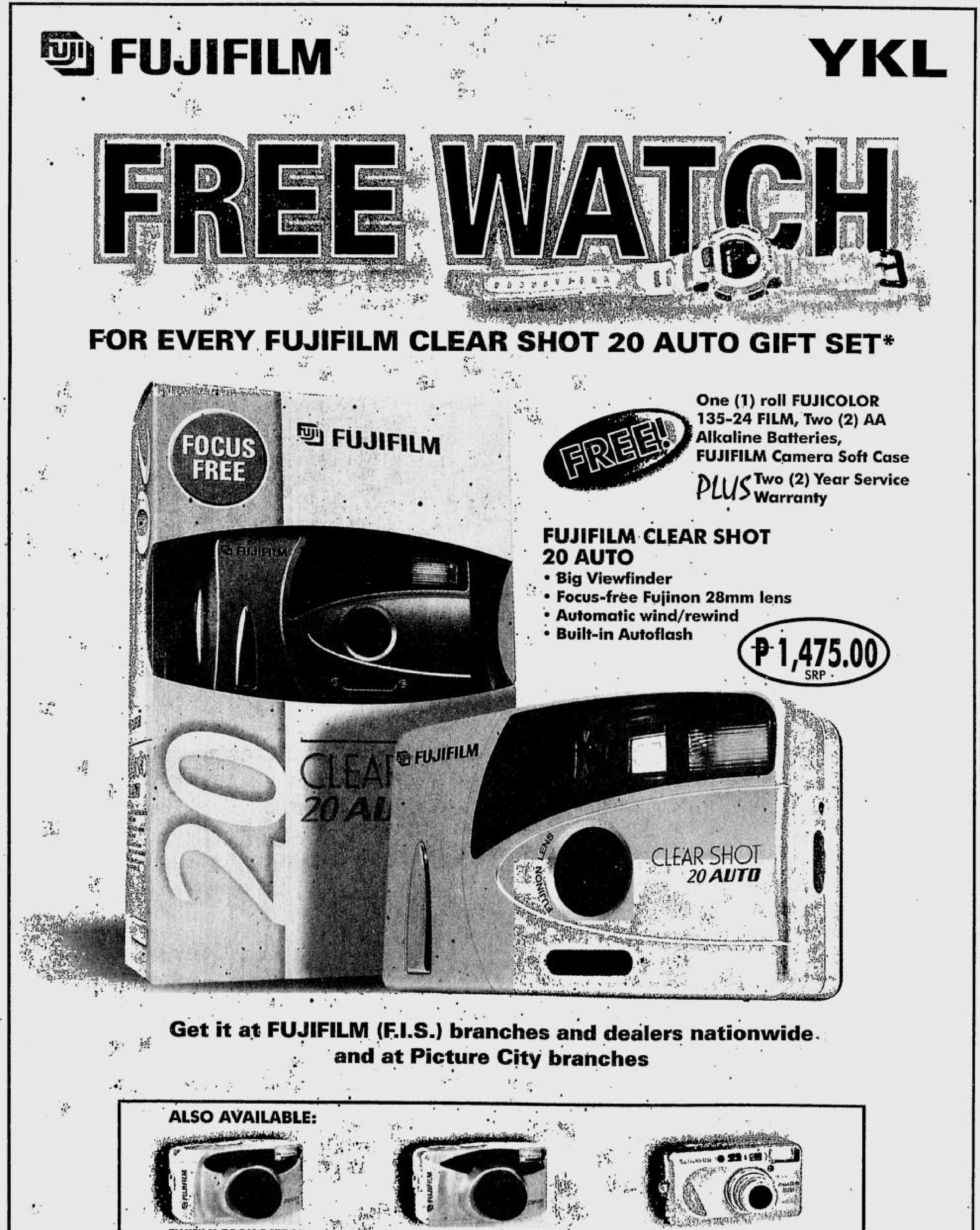
The DPWH designed a "non-erodible canal," not meeting the expectations by the Phivolcs that, in its primer said, wanted to take the breaching "by only 15 minutes to three hours."

Strong flow

The Phivolcs also said strong water flow along the Maraunot and Bucao rivers "would last no more than one or two days." Rodolfo said it was "very clear that there was a failure to trigger a catastrophic break."

"The rocks stand on stable cliffs and (are) not highly susceptible to erosion. Any massive engineering work would unleash (a) large volume of water," he said.

He said the water, still five meters below the lowest rim, could be lowered through siphoning by pipes.



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GMA assures ARMM folk of peaceful polls

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of gubernatorial candidate Parouk Hussin, also the head of a 15-member council that unseated Misuari as MNLF chair.

There are 1.3 million voters in the ARMM and 145 candidates vying for 26 posts.

In her weekly radio-TV program aired Saturday, the President said the Hussin-led MNLF was complying with the 1996 peace agreement by their participation in the polls.

"Their candidate is the administration candidate Parouk Hussin," Ms Macapagal said. "I believe that the best man who can do the final implementation of the agreement is the MNLF candidate."

Misuari has opposed the holding of the elections and did not file his candidacy for another term.

National Security Adviser Roilo Golez said the military and police were in full control in ARMM and that today's elections were expected to be peaceful and orderly.

"With or without Misuari, we can assure peaceful elections in the ARMM," Golez told Palace reporters in a teleconference call.

Golez, however, conceded that there might be "sporadic violent incidents just like in other areas in the country when there are elections."

Col. Romeo Tolentino, commanding officer of the Army's 104th Infantry Brigade based in Busbus, Sulu, said the military was expecting loyal supporters of Misuari to disrupt the polls.

"As a last hurrah, some of them might try to sow violence during the election," Tolentino said.

He said the military had already prepared for "any eventuality."

At least 200 soldiers are on standby for possible deployment as Board of Election Inspectors in Patikul, Indanan and Parang towns. The three towns are said to be the strongholds of Misuari.

Helen Aguila-Flores, Comelec director for Western Mindanao, said the soldiers would take the place of teachers who refused to serve for fear of violence.

Sulu has 1,221 precincts and some of these would be clustered, according to Flores.

Blackout

In Lanao del Sur, unidentified men last night toppled power distribution lines to the coastal towns, raising fears that there was a deliberate effort to sabotage the elections.

The power lines were recently commissioned, mainly for the regional elections. The outage affected Sultan Gumander, Malabang, Balabagan and Kapatagan and portions of Marawi City.

Rep. Benasing Macarambon, chair of the house sub-committee on suffrage and electoral reforms in the ARMM, said people who wanted to cheat in the elections might have staged the attack.

In Maguindanao, the Army's 6th Infantry Division considered some areas of the province possible flash points.

"These are the municipalities surrounding the Liguasan Marsh, such as Pagagawan, Pagalungan, Sultan sa Barongis, SK Pendatun, Mamasapano, Kabuntalan and Matanog," Brig. Gen. Roy Kyamco said.

He said MNLF renegades had also planned to attack private facilities such as the Notre Dame University and the Polytechnic College in Cotabato City.

Cotabato City is not part of the ARMM but the seat of the region.

"We are conducting pre-emptive actions to ensure peaceful elections. These include meeting with possible trouble makers," he said without elaborating.

MILF boycott

Eid Kabalu, MILF spokesperson, said the rebel group would distance itself from the political exercise.

"We are just consistent as in the past we will not participate in political exercises as an organization, but we are not preventing our followers from casting their votes," Kabalu said.

But local officials assured voters that the elections would be peaceful.

"There will be a peaceful election in Maguindanao. We are not supporting a particular candidate but we support President Macapagal," Gov. Andal Ampatuan said.

Aside from launching sabotage attacks on power lines, Macarambon said cheating politicians could also try other schemes.

"Teachers would be asked by some interested groups to sign blank election returns," he said. "Or they could ask teachers to be absent on Election Day."

Ebrahim Paglas III accused the administration of vote buying to ensure the victory of its candidate, Hussin.

Earlier, Ed Malay of the Lakas-NUCD had said Paglas' men were the ones engaged in vote buying.

However, Paglas, a nephew of MILF chair Salamat Hashim, said he had no capability to spend.

But he expressed optimism that "even with their money, my opponents could not fool the voters."

"We are sick and tired of politicians who only have promises as their platform of government," he said.

Paglas, who was praised as a miracle worker by the United Nations and CNN for turning his town from bedlam to an agriculturally productive area, said his only vision was to serve his people.

"That's why I told President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo that I was sorry if I could not give in to her candidate," he said.

Displaced voters

The Commission on Elections has not issued a clear policy on how voters who vacated their homes because of violence could participate in the elections.

In Sulu and Maguindanao, the ARMM social welfare office said at least 23,707 persons were displaced by recent skirmishes between government troops and armed groups.

About half of the figure is of voting age. Social welfare officials said there was no possibility that they could cast their ballots today.

However, Flores said balloting could be held in areas where there was a heavy presence of evacuees.

As of yesterday, she said that a decision was reached to cluster precincts in Parang, Indanan, Patikul, part of Panamao, Panglima Estino and Talipao in Sulu. *Reports from Julie Alipala-Inot, Alexander M. Young, Edwin O. Fernandez, Butch D. Enerio and Grace C. Albasin, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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rested before dawn Saturday on Jampiras Island for entering Malaysia illegally via Jolo.

Jampiras is the island closest to the Philippine-Malaysia international boundary and about 30 minutes by boat from the Sabah town of Sandakan.

Malaysia and the Philippines have a border patrol agreement to prevent the illegal entry of their nationals into each other's territory.

Asked if Misuari would be charged in court for illegal entry, Abdullah said: "We will see. It may not be necessary since we are going to send him back."

Malaysia's police chief Norian Mai said Saturday that plans were being made to deport Misuari to avert any threats to national security.

Misuari, who was once courted by mainly Muslim Malaysia, faces a charge of rebellion before a Philippine court after his followers staged the armed uprising.

Some 600 armed followers of Misuari attacked military outposts in Jolo last week in an apparent bid to disrupt elections in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao set for today.

Misuari has been ARMM governor since 1996, when his Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) signed a peace deal with Manila after a 24-year revolt for Moro self-rule. Malaysia and other Muslim nations helped broker the deal.

But his rule has been marred by allegations of corruption, and Ms Macapagal has declared her support for a candidate within a rival MNLF faction.

A day after being captured in a predawn raid in an island off Sabah for illegal entry, Malaysian police were tightlipped as to where they were holding Misuari and his six followers.

Malaysia's police chief declined to give details of Misuari's whereabouts.

"There is a possibility that Misuari's presence here is a threat to national security," Norian told the New Sunday Times newspaper.

"They did not put up a struggle and no weapons were found," Norian said, adding one of the men arrested was identified as Abdul Harris, who headed the MNLF's Islamic supreme court.

MNLF training camp

The island where Misuari was arrested had been used as an MNLF training camp in the past, residents in the area on the northern tip of Borneo told Reuters.

Philippine media reports, quoting intelligence officials, said last week that Moro rebels had "stockpiled sizeable arsenal" in Jampiras.

Melham Malam, former MNLF chief for foreign political affairs, was said to be based in Jampiras, a small village with a few hundred people and only accessible by sea.

Sabah remains home to some 100,000 Muslim-Filipino refugees who fled the fighting between the MNLF and the Philippine government in the 1970s. Many of Misuari's relatives were among them.

Maguindanao Rep. Didagen Dilangalen said he did not believe that Malaysia would readily hand over Misuari to the Philippine government.

"Misuari is not an ordinary criminal," Dilangalen told the INQUIRER. "He's being hunted for a political offense, which is rebellion. So his is not an ordinary case."

Basilan Rep. Gerry Salappudin said Malaysia's turning over of Misuari to the Philippine government would depend on how the latter would make representations with Malaysian authorities.

In Camp Bautista, Jolo, Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes said the Malaysian government would try Misuari because he posed a "threat" to its security.

Reyes said he hoped that Misuari would be returned to the country so that he could answer for the crimes he and his men had committed.

Once Misuari is in the country, the warrant for his arrest will be immediately served, according to Reyes.

The defense chief was visiting military camps in Mindanao yesterday in preparation for the ARMM elections.

Sen. Francis Pangilinan said the government should pursue the rebellion charges against Misuari.

"If we can jail a former President, why not a former governor," Pangilinan said.

Excellent relations

Other senators said the early capture of Misuari was due to the country's excellent bilateral relations with Malaysia.

"(President Macapagal-Arroyo) should use the hotline to Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammed to request the repatriation of Misuari," Senate foreign relations committee chair Blas Ople said Saturday night.

Reports said that Misuari had sought for asylum in Malaysia but the Malaysian government rejected this. He was also reportedly seeking refuge in Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and other Muslim countries believed to be still sympathetic to him.

Sen. Rodolfo Biazon said the rejection of Misuari's asylum application and subsequent arrest were indications that the support given him by the influential Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) was no longer as strong as before.

"It means that he has been replaced as representative of the Bangsamoro people. His chances for escape to other countries is becoming slimmer," Biazon said.

National Security Adviser Roilo Golez yesterday denied talks that the OIC had ordered Misuari freed from a Malaysian jail and flown to Dubai, capital of the United Arab Emirates.

"It's a psy-war move meant to prevent the demoralization of Misuari's followers left behind in Sulu," Golez said.

Golez said reports about Misuari's release had been spread through text messages.

Sipadan raid

Presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao said Malaysian authorities were also investigating Misuari's role in the Sipadan hostage-taking crisis that involved Abu Sayyaf bandits.

"Malaysian authorities want to question him about his involvement in the Sipadan incident," Tiglao said. "According to information given to us, the Malaysians have been building up their own information about his having been involved in Sipadan."

Asked whether the Malaysians have long suspected Misuari's links with the Abu Sayyaf, Tiglao said: "That's right."

Twenty-one mostly European nationals were seized by the Abu Sayyaf from the Malaysian island-resort of Sipadan in April 2000, precipitating a five-month hostage crisis that dragged the governments of the foreign captives.

It was only in September that military operations were launched against the Abu Sayyaf in Sulu where they took the hostages.

Millions of dollars in ransom were reportedly paid for the release of the European hostages. ***Reports from AFP and Reuters, Martin P. Marfil, Rocky Nazareno and Christine Avendaño***

MILF tells Misuari: 'Stupid'

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for escaping to Sabah when the controversial governor of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao and founder of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) knew that Malaysia "was hostile to him."

"Malaysia has been hostile to Misuari. In fact, that country supported the MNLF Council of 15. So why should he choose to go to Sabah?" Kabalu told the INQUIRER by phone.

The council, composed of members of the MNLF Central Committee, took over the leadership of the erstwhile secessionist movement when it convened in April in Cotabato City. It decided to "elevate" Misuari to a nonexistent position of chairman emeritus.

Kabalu admitted that Misuari still commanded a big following in the Muslim community and even in the powerful Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC).

But going to Sabah was the MNLF founder's greatest blunder, he said.

"He's stupid. I thought he was a brilliant man. He is supposed to be a brilliant revolutionary leader," the MILF official said. "He's stupid!"

Kabalu said he was surprised by Misuari's move, saying the erstwhile MNLF chief "was fully aware" that Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad was harboring a grudge against him.

He added that it was only proper for the Philippine government to order Misuari's arrest, saying "he committed the attack while still connected with the government."

"I think it was only proper. He committed a crime while holding a position in the government," he said.

Misuari, wanted in the Philippines for leading a bloody revolt in Sulu last week, was arrested early Saturday morning by Malaysian police for illegally entering the country.

Mahathir had earlier ruled out granting asylum to Misuari and had criticized the outgoing governor of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao for his failure to improve conditions in the region.

But a senior Misuari loyalist said it was Mahathir who started the conflict between him and Misuari. He said the Malaysian leader hosted an OIC meeting in Kuala Lumpur in 1974 where the infamous "Resolution No. 18" was passed.

The resolution, the source said, compelled the MNLF to drop its bid for independence and instead agree to an autonomous government set-up.

"Malaysia since the '70s has effectively disrupted the revolutionary aspirations of the Bangsamoro people," the source said.

Misuari's position on the Sabah claim has also incurred the ire of Malaysia.

Ex-Isafp chief . . .

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tion, a police official yesterday said Task Force Marsha, the composite team of investigators led by the Philippine National Police's Criminal Investigation and Detection Group, would not be disbanded just yet.

Supt. Ericson Velasquez, an investigator assigned to the task force, said there was no reason yet to terminate their investigation and dissolve the task force.

"It was only Medel's recantation that threw our probe in disarray. So we'll continue our investigation. We only need to verify the evidence at hand," he said.

Velasquez stressed that even in the absence of a complainant, police had to see a crime through to its solution, saying this is "part of police work."

Unfair reporting

"I am very disappointed by this unfair reporting in the newspapers because these are not true," Kintanar said in a statement sent to Inq7.net, the online joint venture of the INQUIRER and GMA-7.

"It is lamentable that this has happened late in my life. I have served my country well. I have never been charged with any crime in court, or linked to wrongdoings since I joined the government in 1960. This is not fair to my person."

Kintanar's name surfaced after the owner of the apartment used by Medel told newsmen that the unit had been rented by the retired general.

Kintanar confirmed this, but said he gave up the apartment a few months ago without informing the owner to allow a group of friends to rent the unit without the usual large down payment. He also admitted he knew Medel and his friends "as friends of the Isafp."

"Assets are also friends," he said, when pressed to define the nature of his friendship with Medel. "In this business, you make a lot of friends," he added.

Since his retirement in 1990, Kintanar said he had been writing books on "truth and justice" to put recent events in history in proper perspective. He was also a consultant to the Presidential Commission on Good Government during the term of President Fidel V. Ramos.

Kintanar also denied reports he had a hand in the Ador Mawanay-Victor Corpus exposé on Sen. Panfilo Lacson's alleged bank accounts abroad. "Just because I am a former Isafp chief doesn't mean I know everything," he said.

He supported the appointment of Corpus as Isafp chief, he said.

Today's tests

The NBI-initiated tests would be conducted to ascertain if Medel was now telling the truth, Arugay said.

The police presented Medel as the confessed killer last week. But when he was brought to the Department of Justice on Friday for preliminary investigation, he recanted his statement and instead accused the police of torturing him to link Rod Lauren Strunk, Blanca's husband, to the crime.

The tests will be conducted while the results of Medel's medical exam are pending. They are expected to come out today.

The NBI decided to probe Medel's links to Kintanar after it was discovered that the general was paying the rent on the apartment Medel used. The general is also allegedly into casino financing, lending out loans to casino players.

"We've received reports about him on that. We will investigate this matter," another NBI source said.

The source added that the bureau would also ask the CIDG to turn over the evidence it has collected thus far to the NBI.

"If we are really to take the lead in the investigation, then we will ask that the evidence, like the Soco (Scene of the Crime Operations team) findings, be turned over to us," the official said.

He added that NBI forensic experts found no skin or DNA traces of other persons from under Blanca's fingernails.

Besides the lack of "defense wounds" in Blanca's arms, this confirmed the forensic experts' earlier observation that the actress was not able to defend herself.

The source said that, "unlike before," the police were now also coordinating "more often" with the NBI about the Blanca case after what happened last week.

"Before they held the press con on Friday (to answer Medel's allegation of torture), they called us up and coordinated with us," the official said.

Weaker case

Investigator Velasquez admitted that Medel's retraction had weakened the police case against Strunk, confirming earlier pronouncements by top police officials.

"Definitely, the allegation (contained in Medel's affidavit) has weakened. The recantation has really affected the case," he said.

Apart from Medel's confession, the task force doesn't have any evidence or witness to link Strunk to the case, Velasquez said.

All the task force has are "corroborating evidence and witness," he said in an earlier interview.

CIDG chief Nestorio Gualberto had earlier admitted that Task Force Marsha had no physical or forensic evidence to pin Medel down as the killer.

A paring knife and the clothes that Medel allegedly used during the killing had been submitted for DNA testing. Results would be available after two weeks.

Velasquez theorized that Strunk had something to do with Medel's retraction.

"Maybe. That's the way it appears now," he said, but did not elaborate.

He denied an NBI investigator's claims that the task force had taken Medel's statement at face value despite its many loopholes.

"We did not adopt his statement en toto," he said.

Media circus

In the Clark special economic zone, Sen. Rodolfo Biazon cautioned the media against conducting spot polls asking the public to judge the innocence or guilt of suspects in the Nida Blanca murder case, saying this was "endangering" the country's judicial system.

Seeking the views of the public on who is guilty or not was the "wrong approach" to solving the movie actress' Nov. 6 murder, he said. "(The) media must think about this very deeply," Biazon said.

"Asking the public about the innocence or guilt of anyone, I think, is a wrong approach to this. We might preclude the integrity of our whole judicial system. Media should stop this practice of putting people's judgment to the question of innocence or guilt of anyone," he said. ***With reports from TJ Burgonio and Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

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Gov't scores strongest point in foreign affairs

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of the US-led coalition's war on terrorists brought economic and military windfall to the country.

The President received $4.2 billion worth of economic and military aid from the United States during her visit to Washington. This assistance is the biggest aid package received by any administration since President Corazon Aquino's.

The package provides the wherewithal to finance economic projects, especially in Mindanao, and to boost economic recovery, in the midst of the global economic downturn. It also provides a large flow of military equipment and weapons that can only improve the capacity of the Armed Forces to fight the Abu Sayyaf terrorists and, most recently, Nur Misuari's rebels.

The US aid package has also accelerated the implementation of the Armed Forces modernization program, which has starved from low budgetary allocations.

Lucky

These dividends did not come from any special gift of Ms Macapagal for foreign policy. She has been lucky. Her quick decision to back the US anti-terror war was driven more by intuition rather than by shrewd diplomacy for which statesmen of the likes of Heny Kissiner, Chou En-lai, Talleyrand or Metternich are famous.

She is lucky in that the United States itself has identified the Philippines as a key link in the global terrorist chain associated with Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida terrorist network.

This put the Philippines high up in the list of US allies which needed to be aided in the war on terrorism and in their efforts to strengthen their economies.

The President seized the opportunity offered by this configuration of events. For the first time since the withdrawal of US forces from Philippine bases in 1992, the Philippines has again assumed strategic importance as a staging point for American forces and military supplies in transit to frontline action, in this case, Afghanistan.

The President parlayed this opportunity without the benefit of a strong bureaucratic machinery in the Department of Foreign Affairs, which has been plagued by incompetent leadership and demoralized by the incursion of political appointees into key diplomatic posts.

Ms Macapagal has been saying the rights things that reinforced President George W. Bush's coalition-building effort in combating terrorism at a time the United States needed a broad global alliance.

Criminality

In the home front, however, the administration is being pulled down by rising criminality and growing rebellions. Police records on kidnapping for ransom show a marked increase over those of previous administrations.

The Philippine National Police leadership has been shaken up, but the change has not translated into more effective law enforcement.

The Abu Sayyaf appears to be on the run, thanks to new military assistance to the Armed Forces, but whatever gains that have come from the campaign against this group have been canceled by the rebellion of Nur Misuari and his MNLF faction.

Economy

On the economy, the Asian Development Bank has revised growth forecasts for the Philippines. The ADB forecast puts the gross domestic product this year at 2.7 percent, lower than the government's projection of at least 3.3 percent, and next year at 3 percent, lower than the government's 4.3-4.8 percent.

The projected slowdown is partly due to the international economic downturn, which has shrunk markets for Philippine exports, and reduced government spending as the government seeks to rein in a fiscal deficit estimated at 4 percent of GDP.

The economic contraction has been cushioned by robust domestic demand, but the ADB warns that "decisive measures are needed to improve public finances if growth is to be sustained in the medium term."

The government has not launched any dramatic economic initiative that could turn the economy around. The slow growth and the large deficit hamper any significant poverty alleviation program, which is one of the key targets of her Sona.

Recurrent tremors

The government continues to tremble on the back of recurrent tremors of political instability. Coup rumors have haunted it in recent weeks, and the political atmosphere is overhung by charges of corruption—albeit based on thin evidence.

The President has not established her leadership firmly and faces running challenges—mainly on the corruption issue—from the opposition and from former President Joseph Estrada, whose trial for plunder and corruption has been systematically delayed through relentless legal action by defense lawyers in the Sandiganbayan.

The corruption charges raised against her are not as serious and as strongly supported by evidence as those leveled at Estrada, leading to his impeachment. Most of the attacks have centered on her husband, Mike Arroyo.

There were efforts to link her directly to the scandal over her veto of telecommunications franchises, but the allegations have not been substantiated. And it takes more than this to start an avalanche that of the likes that triggered Estrada's impeachment and eventual removal from office.

The President's competence in economic and administrative management and her grasp of economic problems have not been disputed, and this helps explain why her political opponents are concentrating efforts on finding a chink on her armor by discovering a major corruption scandal directly linking her.

But the economic and military benefits flowing from her foreign policy initiatives may prove to be her savior from her domestic woes. The President is essentially a parochial politician, influenced by the politics of compromise to reduce political conflict.

She is not gifted with strategic vision, but international events (the international war on terrorism) have given a strategic dimension to what was essentially an intuitive response to America's coalition formation.

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Woods, others shut out in Skins Game

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A new rule designed to add some excitement to the Skins Game had an unexpected effect instead, shutting out all four players and making the front nine one giant carryover.

Skins were won - Woods won the first hole, for example - but the rule change meant players couldn't collect unless they either won or tied the next hole: No one did, although Colin Montgomerie let a chance to collect $125,000 slip away with a bad decision that led to bogey on the par-5 sixth.

It was the first time in the 19-year history of the Thanksgiving weekend event that no one won a dime on the first nine holes. It did, however, set up an interesting final nine.

"I think this is the perfect segue into Sunday television," Greg Norman said. "I like the idea of going to 10 tee on Sunday dead broke and needing to win to keep it going."

Indeed, the good news for Woods, Montgomerie, Norman and Jesper Parnevik was that $1 million will be won Sunday - with the 10th hole alone potentially worth $350,000.

Appleby wins

GOLD COAST, Australia — Stuart Appleby equaled the course record with a 6-under par 65 Sunday to clinch the US $750,000 Australian Open by three strokes at the Grand Golf Club. *AP*

Batang Pinoy gets support

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THE THIRD Philippine National Youth Games-Batang Pinoy got a major boost yesterday when 22 private firms threw their full support to the sportsfest slated Dec. 1-7 in Bacolod City.

Backing the event organized by the Philippine Sports Commission are Negros Navigation, Automated Technology Phils. Inc., Dunlop Slazenger Phils., Kyx-eljan Ventures, Frabelle Fishing Corp., dwWW 774 AM, Hidden Springs, Land Bank, National Sports Grill, Nestle-Milo Sportsfest, Pascual Lab Inc., Philippine Air Lines, Philippine Daily Inquirer, Philippine Star, Reliv, Smart Communications, Sonia Trading (Asics, Mikasa, Butterfly and Nittaku), Speedo, Unilever, Victor Sports Corp., West Negros College and WG&A Lines.

"We'd like to thank all those who expressed support for the Batang Pinoy Games this early. The PSC would like to whip up an example for the local sports councils (local government units) to follow in as much as securing private sector support for grassroots sports development is concerned," said PSC commissioner Amparo "Weena" Lim, project director of the third Batang Pinoy.

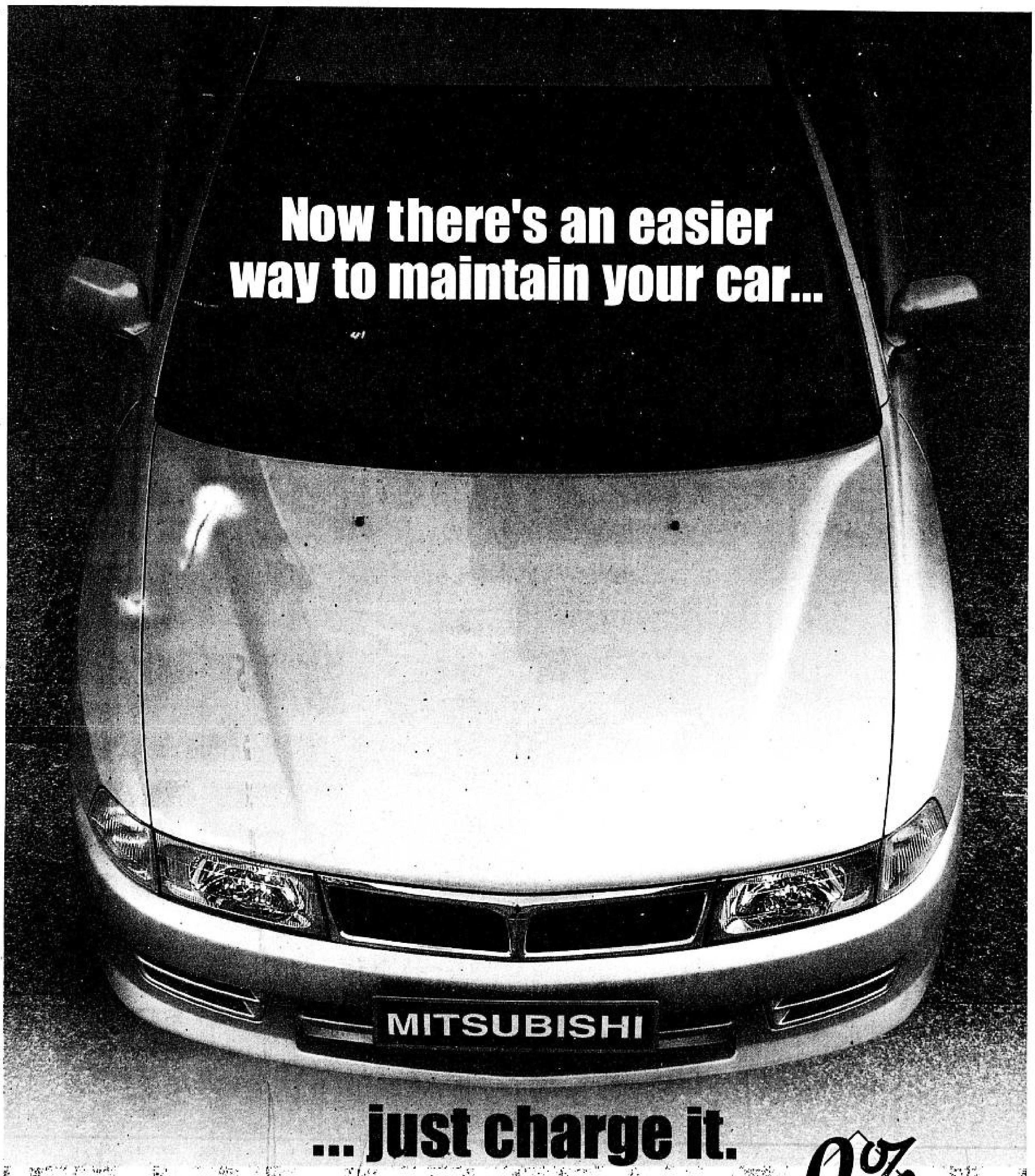
The meet, the first major national sports competition under the administration of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, opens this Saturday (Dec. 1) at the Panaad Sports Complex.

Besides the 22 firms, the PSC has the local governments of Bacolod and Negros Occidental as partners in the 15-sport competition for children-athletes aged 12 and below.

"We have encouraged the local sports councils to do the same (secure private sector support) in all their sporting endeavors and we did this by holding seminars and lecture on the matter this year," she said.

The third Batang Pinoy secretariat conducted four management and marketing seminars earlier this year in Baguio City, PhilSports in Pasig City, Bacolod and General Santos City.

Lim said that private sector support could not be ignored in sports development, particularly in the grassroots, since government alone could not provide the funding.



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Poveda students are being trained by TGA staff led by prominent teaching pro Bong Lopez with the main aim of being able to produce national and international caliber golfers in the near future.

Andrew Pineda, chair and president of the club, said that they hope to come up with a scientific and organized golf training program that will help their kids achieve excellence in golf.

The PGC roster is headed by veteran internationalist Katrina Gonzales. Also among its members are Linell de Villa, Charlene Abalos, Paulina Sotto, Nicole Serapio, among others.

Several sponsors have pledged their support for the tourney. Bingo Bonanza is coming in as presenter while Pagoda and Nippon Express Phils., Corp. are co-sponsors.

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Baguio to host Rotary again

THE POPULAR Rotary Golf Fellowship tournament organized annually by the Rotary Golfing Fellowship Foundation of the Philippines (RGFFP) will be played again in Baguio City on Jan. 16-20, 2002.

Venues for the 36-hole event are the Baguio Country Club and the Camp John Hay courses which will soon host the annual Fil-Am championships.

The RGFFP tournament committee announced that they expect more than 300 Rotarian golfers to participate in the 16th edition of the tourney.

Participants are enjoined to register early and avail of the early bird reduced fee of P3,500 per entry. Early registrants will also be given priorities in special rates for the hotel accommodations. For inquiries, please call Pancho Perea or Ericka Pekson of the RGFFP Secretariat at tel. Nos. 721-8896 and 721-0564 or fax nos. 721-8896 and 721-5940.

Just recently, the RGFFP concluded its 15th golf tournament which was the Southern leg at the Apo and Rancho Palos Verdes courses in Davao. It was highlighted by a hole-in-one scored by Rtn. Nonoy Llamas of RC West Davao which earned him the P1 million pot donated by Seaboard Eastern Insurance firm of Joe Halili-Co.

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THE ANNUAL Southridge School Father's Day Golf Tournament will be held today at the Sta. Elena Golf and Country Club. Organized yearly by parents of students attending Southridge School, the tournament will be attended by Southridge parents, students, alumni and friends. Leading the list of sponsors are Liberty Insurance Citra Metro Manila Tollways, ABN-AMRO, Red Ribbon, Pepsi, Lipton, 7107 Islands, Electrobus, and many others. Cyber Cars Inc. will give away one Starex Van for a hole-in-one on any par-3 hole.

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Scuba diving set

THE BEUCHAT Fish ID Scuba Diving Adventure will be held at Eagle Point Resort in Anilao, Batangas on Dec. 7-9, and Dec. 14-16 in cooperation with Dive Buddies and Safety Stop Dive Shop. It is open to all certified scuba divers of all ages. The package includes two nights and three days triple sharing accommodation with four meals and four dives for only P3,200. Highlights will be shown on "Unlimited Diving," (Mondays, 10:30-11 p.m.) over NBN Channel 4. For registration, call 920-8505 or 0917-9368895.

13 fans hurt in crash

CARMARTHEN, Wales—Thirteen spectators were hospitalized Saturday when Carlos Sainz's Ford Focus ran off the road and plowed into fans watching the season-ending British Rally. Dai Davies, a spokesman for the Carmarthen police in western Wales, said none of the 13 were in life-threatening condition at West Wales General Hospital in Carmarthen. *AP*

4X4 ENTRY

Pampanga Rep. Juan Pablo "Rimpy" Bondoc, aboard his CJ-7 4x4 truck "Datu," negotiates a muddy pit as he hones for the coming 1st Philippine Tough Truck Challenge slated Nov. 30-Dec. 2 at the Fort Bonifacio, Global City. The event is supported by Red Horse Beer, Caltex-Delo, Tide, Ride, 199 Off Road House and Premiere Ready Mix.

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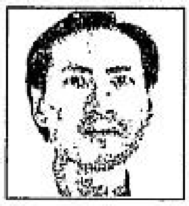
NBA NOTES



Henry Liao

A PAIR of teammates holds the top two positions in the NBA scoring charts going into this week's games.

Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal, who have powered the two-time reigning NBA titlist LA Lakers to a league-best 11-1 record going into today's home assignment against Denver, currently rank 1-2 in scoring.

Bryant is the pacesetter at 27.2 points per game. O'Neal is second with 26.83 ppg, just a few percentage points ahead of comebacking Washington star Michael Jordan, who owns a 26.81-point clip. Rounding out the first five are Boston's Paul Pierce (26.70 ppg) and Denver's Nick Van Exel (26.69 ppg).

Completing the top 10 are Toronto's Vince Carter (26.2 ppg), Orlando's Tracy McGrady (24.5), San Antonio's Tim Duncan (24.4), Boston's Antoine Walker (23.9) and Seattle's Gary Payton (23.8).

Should Kobe and Shaq (or Shaq and Kobe) finish among the NBA's top two scorers, they would become only the second pair in league history to accomplish the feat, duplicating the trick turned in by Neil Johnston and Paul Arizin of the Philadelphia (now Golden State) Warriors in 1954-55 when the scoring championship was still decided on the basis of total points and not average per game.

In assists, Cleveland's Andre Miller leads the way with 10.8 feeds an outing. New Jersey's Jason Kidd, the key factor in the Nets' resurgence this campaign, ranks second at 9.7 apg. The 6-4 Kidd has won the assists title the last three seasons while donning the Phoenix colors.

Wizards break slump

WASHINGTON—Christian Laettner hit a 17-footer with 8.6 seconds left in the extra period as the Washington Wizards dealt the Boston Celtics their fourth straight defeat, 88-84, in overtime and snapped their own eight-game losing streak in the NBA on Saturday .

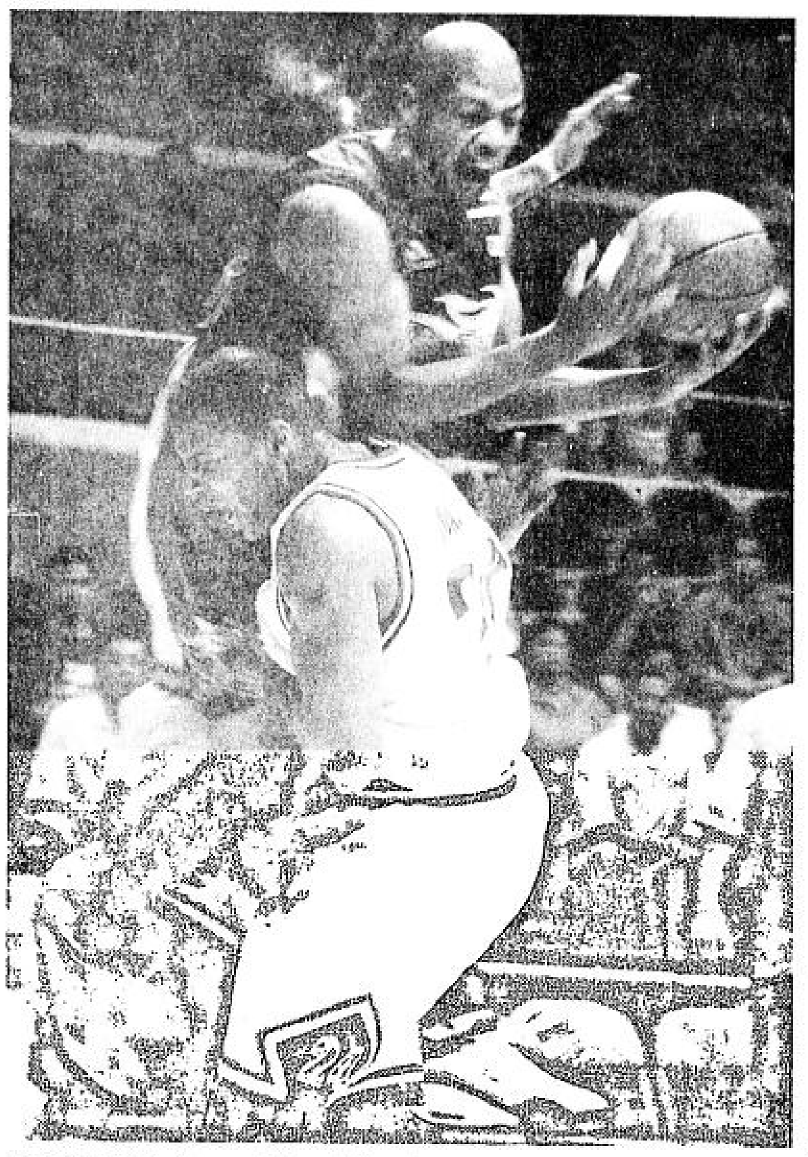
Michael Jordan missed 17 of 24 shots but finished with 17 points and 11 rebounds as the Wizards won for the first time since Nov. 3. Laettner also had 17 points, on 8-for-10 shooting, and Richard Hamilton scored 16.

Knicks 78, Bulls 71

Allan Houston scored a season-high 24 points and Othella Harrington had a season-high 18 before fouling out as the New York Knicks defeated Chicago 78-71, sending the Bulls to their ninth straight loss.

NBA RESULTS

New York 78, Chicago 71; Washington 88, Boston 84, OT; Cleveland 100, Miami 96, OT; Charlotte 103, Orlando 101; Detroit 91, Memphis 84; Minnesota 99, San Antonio 94; Dallas 119, Phoenix 104; Milwaukee 95, Atlanta 88; Sacramento 98, New Jersey 97. AP



LAMONT Strothers of San Miguel Beer lands on the shoulder of Shell's Askia Jones as he goes for a drive in Game Tweo of their PBA Governors Cup best-of-five semifinals series at the Ynares Center yesterday.

JESS YUSON

MBA adopts 1-2-2 format

THE MBA Northern Conference semifinal series between the LBC Batangas Blades and the Andok's San Juan's will start on Wednesday with the novel 1-2-2 format being adopted.

Under this format, Game One would be played at the Blades' home (De La Salle Lipa Sentrum), followed by Games Two and Three at the Knights' turf (San Juan Gym). If necessary, Games Four and Five would return to De La Salle Lipa.

MBA commissioner Butch Antonio bared this yesterday, explaining that the deviation from the usual 2-2-1 format was necessary because of the unavailability of the De La Salle Lipa Sentrum for the supposed Game Two on Nov. 30.

"This way, the Blades retain their homecourt edge," said Antonio, adding that he informed both the Knights and the FedEx Laguna Lakers about the development before Game Two of their semifinal showdown on Friday.

That time, the Knights repeated over the Lakers, 105-77, to arrange the championship series with the Blades, who gained the homecourt advantage by virtue of their topping the elimination round. Andok's San Juan also bested FedEx Laguna, 88-85, in Game One on Wednesday.

The LBC Batangas Blades management headed by brothers Santi and Dino Araneta requested for the format change after being told that a function has been slated at the Sentrum on Nov. 30.

The 2-2-1 format, however, will still be applied in the Southern Conference finals pitting the Negros Slashers against the Cebuana Lhuillier Gems. Cebuana Lhuillier also swept TPG Davao, 117-93, and 103-100 in their semifinal duel.

Negros, on the other hand, advanced outright and took the homecourt advantage after finishing the eliminations with the best record in the conference.

Roy Luarca

Reyes, Kiamco advance

EFREN "Bata" Reyes and Warren Kiamco remained in contention yesterday in the 34th All Japan Championship at the Hotel New Archaic Hall in Amagasaki City.

But countrymen Francisco "Django" Bustamante, Rodolfo Luat, Antonio Lining and Ramil Gallego were eliminated, failing to make it from the losers' bracket.

Reyes subdued Canada-based Filipino Alex Pagulayan, 9-5, while Kiamco beat a Chinese-Taipei player also by the same score to barge into the round-of-16.

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BASKETBALL: NBA – Philadelphia 76ers vs Toronto Raptors at 9 a.m. (r - 8 p.m.) on Solar Channel (Sky and Home Cable)
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GOLF: BMW Asian Open 2001, Day Four at 7 a.m. (r) on Star Sports

Beermen near...

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ment but knowing Shell, we can't take the series for granted," said Uichico, who is eyeing his sixth title as San Miguel Beer coach.

In the second game, Sta. Lucia Realty beat Pop Cola, 76-69, to level their semifinal series at 1-1.

Meanwhile, the proposed PBA calendar of events for 2002 drawn up by the Commissioner's Office will be put to test when the league's Board of Governors convenes at the Manila Golf Club today.

The Asian Games portfolio will be presented by no less than PBA Commissioner Jun Bernardino before the 10 governors representing each team in the league.

It was laid down last week after undergoing a series of consultations and will need the PBA Board's nod to jumpstart the preparation of the national squad for the Asiad in Pusan, South Korea next year.

Scores:

SAN MIGUEL 83—Strothers 33, Ildefonso 16, Racela 11, Pena 7, Seigle 6, Lago 3, Victoria 3, Duat 2, Belasco 2, Gamboa 0.

SHELL 70—Jones 30, Wainwright 11, Jackson 10, Esplana 8, Hrabak 4, Telan 3, Del Rosario 2, Dela Cruz 0, Lim 0, Marzan 0, Cheng 0.

Quarters: 23-17, 41-40, 62-60, 83-70

Amateur swimfest

THE FOURTH Philippine Amateur Swimming Association (Pasa) National Age Group Swimming Championship will be held on Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 2001 at the Panaad Swimming Complex in Bacolod City.

The country's national swimmers led by Jenny Guerrero, Luica Dacanay, Timmy Chua, Mark Kalaw and Evan Grabador take part in the meet which will determine the team bound for the 26th South East Asian Age Group Swimming Championship in Bangkok, Thailand next year.

Senen Bravo

UCAP'S BEST

Engineer Sonny Lagon of San Pablo City (second from left) receives the elegant Silver Cup and cash prize of P500,000 from OPMI president Vic Yu after bagging the Ucap Stagfighter of the Year 2001 award recently at the Mandaluyong Coliseum. Also shown (from left) are Ucap treasurer Biboy Enriquez, president Butch Macasaet and chair Patrick Antonio. Up next at Mandaluyong Coliseum is the Rotary Club of New Manila 5-Cock Derby set Dec. 1, with the backing of Raymond Velayo.

Champs joining Cavite Int'l derby

NATIONAL and world cockfight champions are set to compete in the upcoming Cavite 7-Cock International Derby at Cavite Coliseum on Dec. 3, 5 and 7.

To host the fund-raising sports affair supported by Pagcor- Casino Filipino, Sagupaan Super Feeds and Belamyl by Novartis are Sen. Ramon Revilla and lawyer Rudy Salud. At stake is at least P2 million while entry fee is P30,000.

Sabong idol Patrick Antonio, former World Slasher Cup champion and two-time Cocker of the Year awardee, said he is definitely aiming for the title which had eluded him for the last seven years.

"The Cavite International Derby is one of the toughest and very hard to conquer," Antonio said.

Saipan Rep. Benjamin Sablan, winner of the 1992 edition, is fielding five entries and will utilize new battlecrosses acquired directly from the United States.

World Slasher Cup 1998 winner Danding CoJuangco, who holds the distinction of winning 18 consecutive wins in three Ucap derbies, is also seeing action and will be represented by his Fil-Am handler Richard Bates.

Participants are advised to make an early reservation for cockhouses and may contact Ferdie Bautista at 0919-3472192 or (02)-5526724 or Cavite Coliseum at (046)-9709971 and 9704811.

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Beermen near finals

Games Wednesday (Philsports)
5:05p.m.—Sta. Lucia vs Pop Cola
7:10p.m.—Shell vs San Miguel

By June Navarro

SAN Miguel Beer shot well from the floor to handily beat Shell, 83-70, and move a win away from another finals stint last night in the PBA Governors Cup at the Araneta Coliseum.

Lamont Strothers and Danny Ildefonso led a blinding assault in the third quarter as the Beermen put the Turbo Chargers away for the second straight time in their best-of-five semifinals series.

"It all boils down on which team can shoot well from the outside. We shot well from the floor and that made the difference," said San Miguel coach Jong Uichico.

Another victory for the Beermen on Wednesday will push them to a fifth straight finals' appearance where San Miguel had won seven of its last eight championship ventures since 1999.

And all leads point to that direction as the Beermen never lost a semifinal series after gaining a 2-0 advantage.

"To have a 2-0 edge is a good invest-

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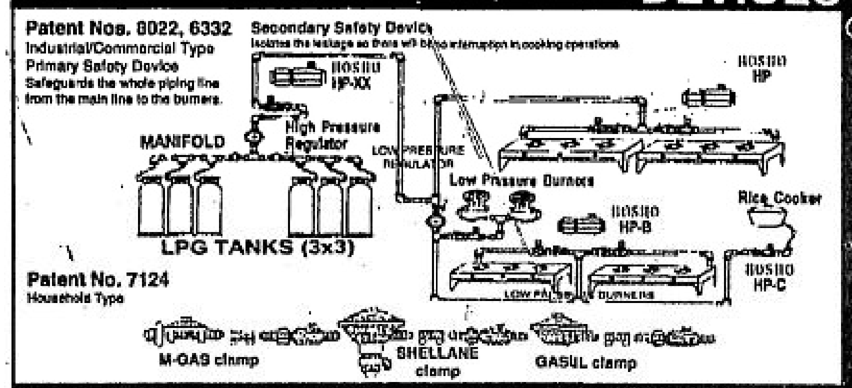

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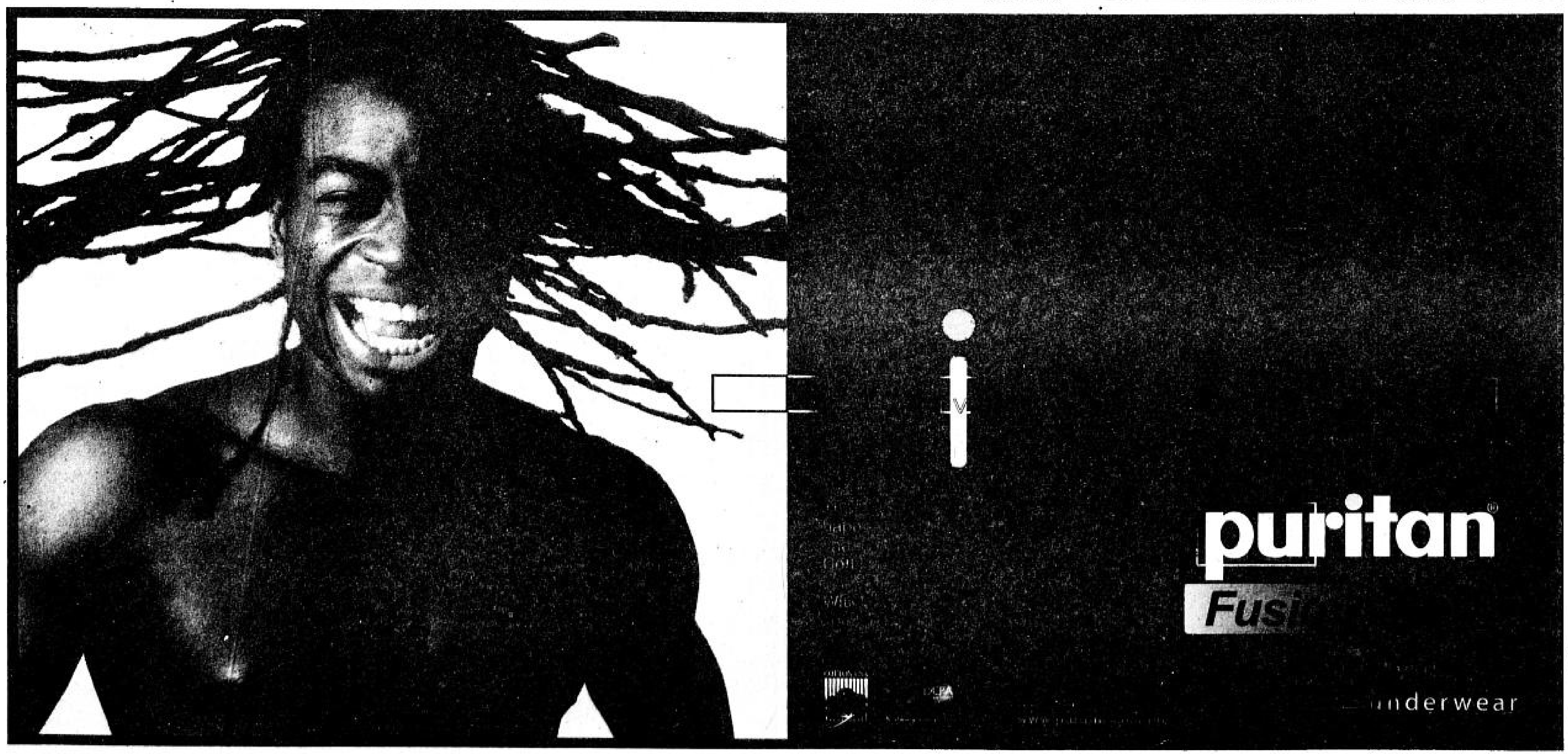

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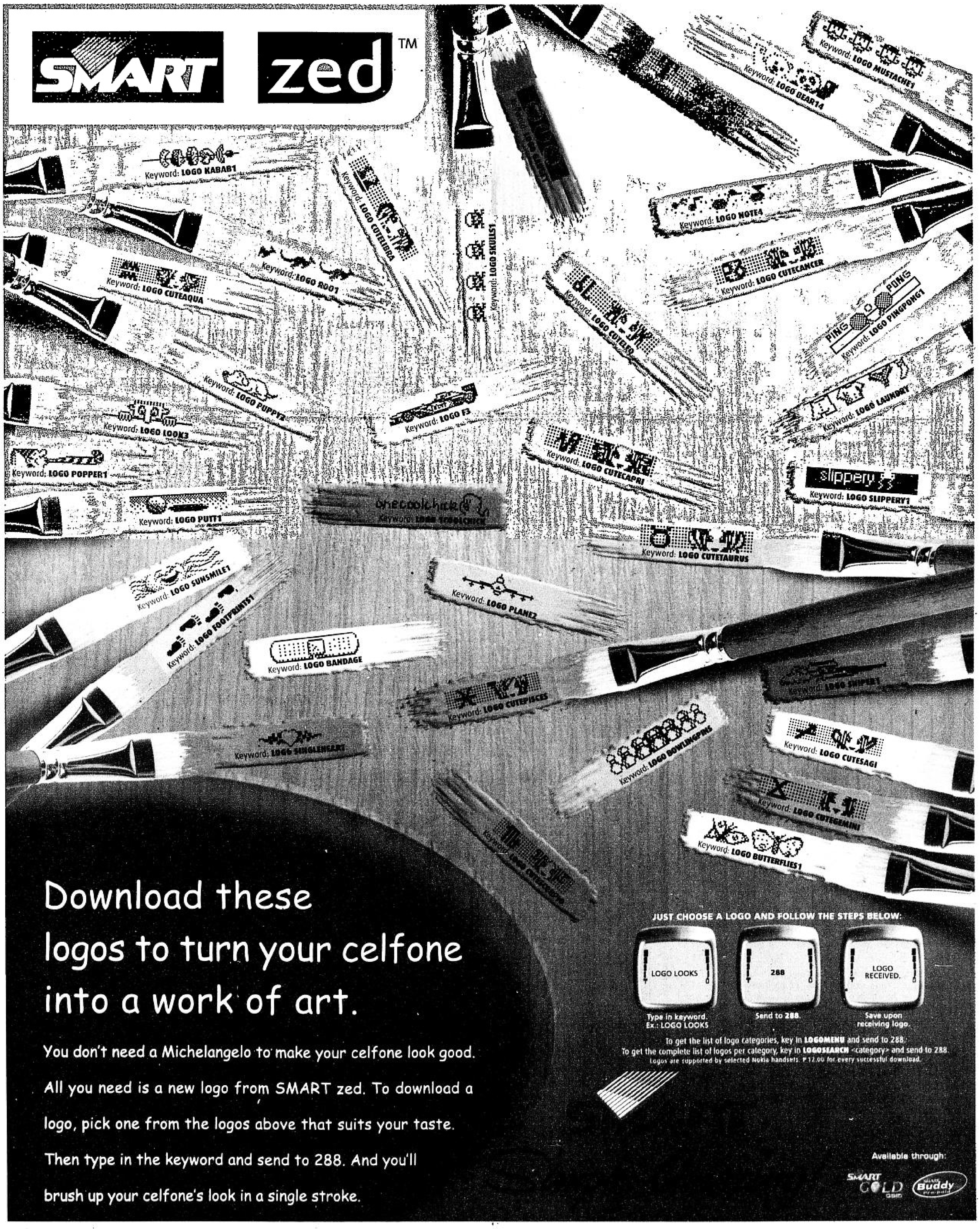

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Swiss recycling firm seeks GMA help

By Christian V. Esguerra

FED UP with what it said were "libelous and unfounded" allegations by the environmental group Greenpeace Philippines, the foreign company peddling thermoselect technology has presented its case to President Macapagal-Arroyo and has asked her to determine for herself if the technology is the solution to the Metro Manila garbage crisis.

"Greenpeace is spreading a lot of lies so we're asking to the President to look into our proposed (garbage) solution," said Roger van den Berghe, consultant in the Philippines of Interstate Waste Management.

Last week, Interstate sent a letter to Malacañang, explaining how thermoselect could solve the garbage problem in Metro Manila. The letter said thermoselect could recycle all kinds of waste through high temperature.

The company has also sent similar letters to Senate President Franklin Drilon, Speaker Jose de Venecia, Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Metro Manila Development Authority Chair Benjamin Abalos Sr., and Metro Manila mayors.

"At this point, we want to disprove all the lies being propagated by Greenpeace... (and) allow the government to see the efficiency of the technology," Van den Berghe told the INQUIRER.

He was reacting to a series of accusations by Greenpeace beginning last week. The environmental group claimed that thermoselect was a process of incineration and that it had violated many environmental laws abroad.

The Clean Air Act bans the use of incinerators.

But Van den Berghe clarified that thermoselect did not make use of incinerators to process waste since it does not burn garbage. The Swiss-made technology heats up, but does not burn, waste materials and recycles them into drinking water, clean air, electricity, and other useable materials, according to Van den Berghe.

He also denied that Interstate had broken any environmental laws abroad.

Ovation for the PBA; but can they do it without The Dictator?

BARE EYE

Recah Trinidad

IT'S always been colorfully fitting. Whenever they honor the year's finest athletes, he or she, or both, would be bathed in glorious light. The most deserving stands luminous at center stage to be thanked and to be reminded how great he or she has been.

Thank God for sports heroes. The annual rites help everybody feel good.

The Philippine Sportswriters Association (PSA) doesn't give away money incentives. But the trophy this gang of harried deadline beaters awards to the deserving has a value bigger than its weight in gold.

Yes, there had been lean years when they had to scrape bottom, debate hard, just to be able to come up with one top honoree.

Not this year. At least there are already three big names who could readily be frontrunners in their own right.

Threre's Efren "Bata" Reyes who, with his string of dollar-rich triumphs in foreign pool tilts, could be a shoo-in on any lean year.

Out to crowd Bata are golfer Dorothy Delasin and world boxing champion Manny Pacquiao.

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Will the PSA opt for a joint award again?

It's not easy to tell. If Pacquiao, for example, had not been repeatedly fouled and cheated, before salvaging a controversial draw in Las Vegas, he could've been, hands down, a top awardee.

Don't take this to mean, though, that Pacquiao had disqualified himself after failing to add the WBO super bantamweight belt to his IBF 122-lb diadem.

Sportsman Rudy Salud hit it right. Pacquiao, with his display of class and composure at the height of a dirty terrorist attack inside ring, should be doubly worthy of a national ovation.

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OK, they honor only supercharged individual performers.

But with the great, terrific, heart-warming move by the PBA in its preparation for next year's Asian Games, would the PSA, say, consider revising its award standards?

If not, shouldn't the PSA, for once, consider recognizing a generous, brilliant gesture that has clearly demonstrated levelheadedness and selflessness within the Philippine Basketball Association?

Look, just when everybody had thought the PBA, after being given the honor to form a national team for the Pusan Asian Games, would opt to handpick RP team members, it decided to open the door to all comers.

That, in my book, is an award-winning decision, something national sports officials, both at the PSC and POC, would do well to emulate.

It was a move, a shout that said, "To hell with politics in sports."

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Now, it's up to the gallant of heart among collegiate and PBL standouts to match skills with established pros that will inevitably include calibered Fil-Am cagers.

The PBA call for tryouts also comes as a big dare to the Metropolitan Basketball Association (MBA), whose desperate bid to distinguish itself as a major pro tournament has visibly dissipated.

For example, is Romel Adducul, celebrated product of the MBA, as great as they had tried to market him?

We won't know, unless he offers to be tested together with other national aspirants.

The PBA, by the way, has also vowed to re-embrace the zone defense, a demanding discipline which had been originally thought of as a boring stamp of play by local pro founding fathers.

Add to that the early naming of a national coach, the start of tryouts involving a wide sector of talents, and we could all swear that the PBA is going all the way for a great stand in next year's Asian Games.

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Unfortunately for Philippine basketball, the country has failed to fully reassert itself in the Asian field following the formation of the PBA in 1975.

The PBA selection failed to land a medal in Hiroshima in 1994.

With some twist of luck, the Philippines salvaged the bronze by nipping Kazakhstan on a miracle basket by Jojo Lastimosa in Thailand in 1998.

On the whole, though, and after an all-Filipino national team won the ABC men's title at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum in 1973, the Philippines continues to be tagged as the favorite whipping boy of perennial powers like China and South Korea.

Will the Philippine team be finally equipped to provide a serious threat to powerhouse China in next year's Asiad?

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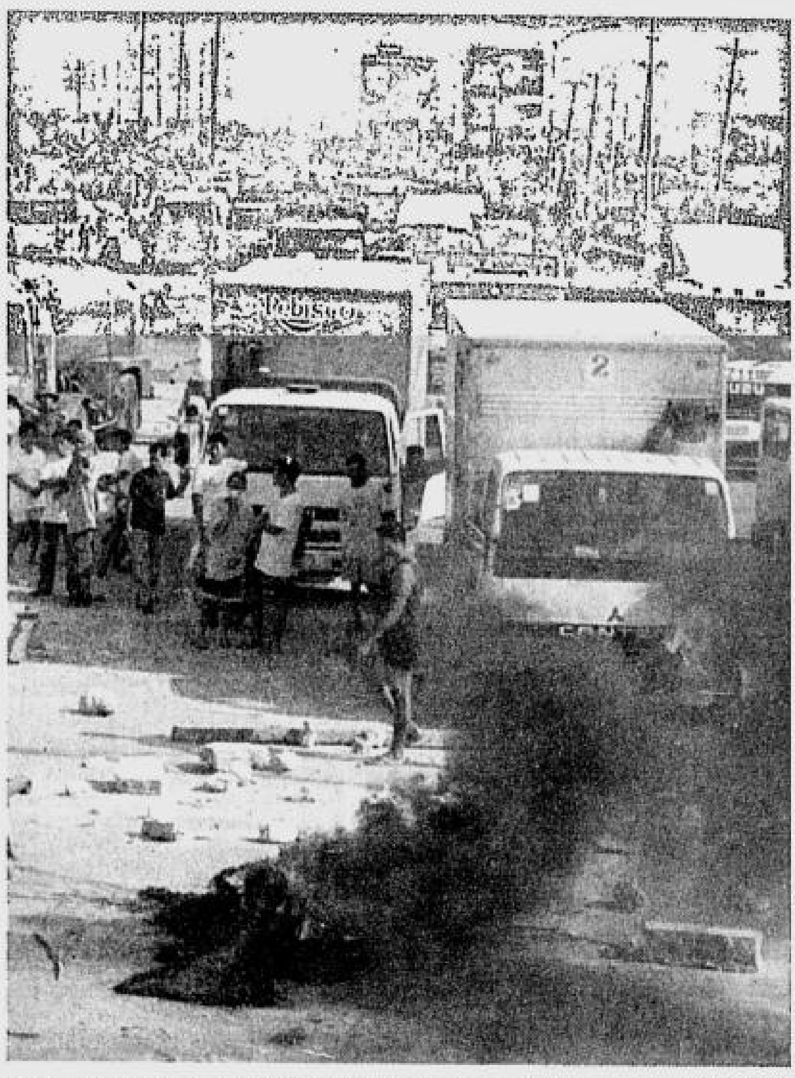
Look, an RP national team had also triumphed over China after 1973, but it was with the help of at least two African-American talents.

This happened in the January 1986 ABC finals in Kuala Lumpur. At best, purists branded that feat half-baked.

Coach Ron Jacobs, then calling the shots, also did it with the help of the late Ferdinand Marcos, who all too willingly broke color and diplomatic barriers and bestowed citizenship on the two foreigners.

All told, the big question is: Can the Philippines regain basketball supremacy in the region without the help of a dictator?

Maybe only Imelda Marcos can provide the answer, granting she's capable of giving an honest reply.



DEMONSTRATION VS DEMOLITION ERIK ARAZAS

Trucks were stalled for hours last Thursday on C-5 Road in Taguig after residents blocked their way with fire and other obstacles and then seized their keys to protest the government's demolition of alleged squatter structures along the road.

Early morning Parañaque blaze injures 5

A 3-YEAR-OLD boy was among five people who were injured in an early morning fire on Saturday in a Parañaque slum.

The boy, Antonio Lacerna, and Aldrin Quiapo, 27; Malou Balano, 27; Yolanda Rosal, 41; and her son Gerald were injured in the fire that razed at least 10 shanties at the Silverio Compound in Barangay San Isidro, according to a report by FO3 Teoderico Gatchalian.

The victims suffered first-degree burns and several cuts and bruises in their bodies, authorities said.

The fire began at 4:27 a.m. Saturday in the second-floor bedroom of a house owned by Visitacion Cabrito, authorities said.

But investigators could not yet determine what caused the blaze, which immediately spread to neighboring shanties and damaged about P1.2 million in property before it was put out about 5 a.m.

Christian V. Esguerra

5 shot in QC attack

FOUR women and a barangay official were shot in Quezon City early yesterday morning.

Police identified them as Jelina Alvarez, 21; Merlinda Magyangub, 43; Claudette Ann Agus, 15; Flor Retrado, 56; and Manuel Paragas. They sustained gunshot wounds and were treated at the East Avenue Medical Center.

Police identified the four suspects as Daniel de la Cruz, 43; Antonio de la Cruz, 24; Ariel de la Cruz, 19; and Antonio Cedillo, 23.

Initial investigation showed that the four women victims had just come from a party when the shooting happened about 2:30 a.m. Sunday.

They were reportedly on their way to Kasunduan Street in Barangay Commonwealth when the four suspects suddenly appeared and for no apparent reason pelted the women with stones.

Paragas, who happened to be passing by, saw the commotion and tried to help the women but the suspects ganged up on him.

During the brawl, Ariel de la Cruz allegedly shot Paragas with an improvised gun but missed.

On his second attempt, Paragas was able to block De la Cruz's arm but the gun was pointed in Paragas' direction. Several shots were then fired and hit the victims.

The wounded were brought to the hospital for treatment. The four suspects, who were later arrested by the police, are now facing charges of attempted homicide.

Agnes E. Donato

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THE DAILY GOSPEL

Monday, November 26, 2001
34th Week in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: **Dn 1:1-6, 8-20**
Gospel: **Lk 21:1-4**

Jesus looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasure box; he also saw a poor widow dropping in two small coins. And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow put in more than all of them. For all gave an offering from their plenty, but she, out of her poverty, gave all she had to live on."

Commentary

Just before this reading, Jesus is described as condemning the scribes, the official teachers of the Jews. He says, "They are the ones who devour the houses of widows and say long prayers for the sake of appearance." The long prayers are meant to justify their exactions from the poor. In this story, Jesus cannot be setting the poor widow as the model for others to follow. Jesus condemns the injustice of the religious system. The poor widow appears as the victim of the teachings of the scribes who urge even the poor to give support to the temple. The religion which preaches mercy for the poor and the needy is also the very institution which victimizes them financially.

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SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

CRIMINAL LAW (AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES)—Evident premeditation—The element of evident premeditation is manifested by the planning and preparation undertaken by the offender prior to the commission of the crime. It is not presumed from the mere lapse of time nor can it be deduced from sheer speculation. An intangible matter, evident premeditation is exhibited from these circumstances—(1) the time when the offender has appeared determined to commit the crime; (2) the act evidently indicating that the offender has clung to his determination; (3) sufficient lapse of time between the determination to commit the crime and the execution thereof during which the offender could have reflected upon the consequences of his act. While the previously issued threats against the life of his victim may roughly be said to indicate premeditation, absent any other evidence disclosing the true criminal state of mind of the accused, threats of this variety are regarded by courts as casual remarks naturally emanating from a feeling of rancor and not a resolution of the character involved in evident premeditation. The killing of the victim deviates from the natural workings of the criminal mind which usually abhors detection and the possibility of retaliation. Instead of ensuring that his authorship of the crime would remain unknown, accused-appellant appears to have chosen to stab the victim in broad daylight, in an accessible neighborhood corner and in the presence of a number of other persons who could easily identify him. Needless to say, these facts do not bear the earmarks of a carefully planned murder. [Citations omitted.] [Justice Vitug, Third Division, People v. Flores, G.R. No. 138841, April 4, 2001]

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OCCUPANCY SLUMP

Now is the best time to move to the best Makati buildings

By Maricris Irene V. Tamolang

ONCE the most sought-after business addresses on the corporate block, high-rise buildings in the Central Business District in Makati City are experiencing what could be the worst slump in tenant occupancy.

Since the 1997 Asian meltdown, the local property market has been steadily declining, and no remarkable rebound is expected, according to property managers of four Makati buildings.

They observed that even the recent terrorist attacks on New York and Washington could do no further damage to the sector, which continues to reel from bad times and struggle for survival.

Albert Noel, property manager of the Jaka 6780 building on Ayala Avenue, said newly built buildings do have a lot of office spaces available. He said that at P350-P400 per square meter, Jaka 6780 has not been losing tenants. But he is not optimistic about the next quarter.

No positive signs

"At this point, we don't see a recovery for the property sector within the next six months or so because there is no positive indication in the economy itself," Noel admitted. "You already have problems with kidnapping. People are afraid to go to places which they feel are not secure."

New investors in the country can keep the property sector afloat, Noel said. And even if the business sector is trying to revive the property market, its dependence on the economic environment stunts its efforts, he added.

"People will invest if they see bright prospects in the Philippines and right now, there are no positive signs."

But RCBC Plaza property manager Paul Harmston has noted an increased interest among the building's prospective clients after the Sept. 11 bombings even as he admitted that the property market is a very depressed market in general.

RCBC Plaza is the newest building to rise on Ayala Avenue and was completed only last February.

Harmston said the growth rate of RCBC Plaza is sensitive to the economy. At P500-600 per square meter rate, RCBC Plaza already has 35 percent occupancy.

"I would say that we have probably hit our growth forecast two years ago," he said. "We would like to be what we were five years ago, but we are still receiving an acceptable level of interest and commitment as well."

RCBC has not yet resorted to any reforms in its package rates. Harmston said mild rates have been agreed upon throughout the board of RCBC Plaza, which is comprised of different companies and RCBC bank.

"We have not reduced rates," Harmston said. ``We have considered the economic environment, but at the moment, we have not really seen a need to reduce rates. We don't feel we are losing tenants because of our rates."

On schedule

By yearend, Harmston is optimistic that RCBC would be 50 percent occupied.

"We are on schedule now," he said.

The building could be benefiting from foreign companies looking to relocate some operations to the Philippines, Harmston said. He said tenants are looking at the market and thinking that now is the best time to move to the best buildings.

Unlike Harmston, Dolly Dacosta, senior vice president for marketing of the Pacific Star building at the corner of Buendia and Makati avenues, said they have come up with reforms on marketing, leasing convention and packaging. With their target occupancy rate of 95 to 100 percent dropping to only 79 percent in 1997, these measures helped them recover and raise their occupancy rate to as much as 86 percent occupancy this year, Dacosta said.

"There were a lot of inquiries from multinational companies from Southeast Asia," she said in a phone interview. "Most came from those who have excess funds to invest. We are not doing badly."

Collection efficiency among building administrators is another factor affecting the property sector now, Dacosta noted.

Billing notices, additional facilities and good location are other considerations that could counter the slow market growth and prevent the market downfall, she said.

At P500 per square meter, Pacific Star has 82 tenants. Dacosta said there is a movement in their occupancy rate every month with fresh contract finalized recently.

Phil-Am Life on Paseo de Roxas.

PACIFIC Star on Buendia.

RCBC Plaza at the corner of Ayala and Buendia. JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

The building has also responded to bomb scares by tightening security of tenants.

Recovery

"All our tenants were given stickers and we have adopted a centralized drop-off point," Dacosta said. "We are still in the high end (of the market) and I think we can still recover."

Philam Properties Corp. president Danilo Ignacio has noted a dramatic decline in tenant inquiries following the Sept. 11 assault. But he said they were fortunate to have reached a 90 percent occupancy rate before the bombing.

"What we are doing now is trying to enter new niches in the business where we think there are opportunities, specifically mid-income housing," Ignacio said.

"Right now, the recovery would still be very fine. That pays primarily for the office market, but there are certain niches in the property sector that are increasing."

But he conceded that last year's market was better than the present.

"Rental is going down, market values are going down," he said. ``The downturn has been there since July 1997. Hopefully, there would be a recovery by late next year."

Philam Life building on Paseo de Rojas was completed in December 1999, and by year 2000, 80 percent of the space had been leased, Ignacio said. At present, the building is 90 percent occupied, at about P500 per square meter. But the rent had already been reduced slightly this year, Ignacio admitted.

Early birds get burger money

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE JOLLIBEE branch in Intramuros and a McDonald's outlet in Ermita, both in Manila, were robbed of a total of P600,000 before dawn yesterday.

Jollibee employee Jigger A. Cantor, 21, of Quiapo, Manila, allegedly robbed the branch of P193,485.60, but was caught by policemen before he could escape, police said.

The McDonald's branch was not as lucky, and lost about P400,000 to two unidentified men who broke into the outlet about 6:30 a.m. yesterday and escaped, police said.

In the Jollibee robbery, police said suspect Cantor tried to escape with the money about 1:30 a.m. yesterday while the store was still closed. Cantor, who had become a trusted employee after working at the fast-food chain, broke inside the store by destroying its door, police said.

Cantor was on the rooftop of the store when security guard Isagani A. Lazor spotted him and fired several warning shots, police said.

Lazor told police he went after Cantor, who tried to escape, and caught him at the back of the store. He said he was surprised to find out it was Cantor he had caught.

Cantor at first denied that he had taken anything from the outlet, but police checked his bag and found the stolen money in it.

Charges would be filed against Cantor who was taken to the Ermita police station.

In the McDonald's robbery, two men with knives broke into the store while it was still closed and its employees were busy preparing for the day.

The suspects caught by surprise security guard Rey Fernandez and took his .38 revolver, police said. One of them then went to the cashier and took the money. The suspects escaped with the money and Fernandez's gun, police said.

Police were trying to get a description of the suspects from the McDonald's employees and other witnesses.

Prospects dim for land deal

By Agnes E. Donato

PROSPECTS are getting dimmer for the implementation of the controversial agreement between former Quezon City Mayor Ismael Mathay Jr. and the Paref-Northfield School for Boys Inc. on a 3.1-hectare lot in Greenmeadows III Subdivision, according to Quezon City Councilor Ariel Inton.

Inton said this after the Metro Manila Zoning Administration and the Quezon City Zoning Office wrote separate letters saying the establishment of an elementary and high school within the area would violate at least two existing zoning laws and ordinances.

The letters were signed by Vernon Espiritu of the Metro Manila Zoning Adminstration and Gerardo Magat of the Quezon City Zoning Office. The letters were addressed to Manuel Dayrit of the First Greenmeadows Homeowners Association.

Inton said the letters meant that Paref-Northfield would no longer be able to comply with the conditions imposed by Ortigas and Co. for the lifting of the restrictions. These conditions were set when the company donated the open space to the Quezon City government.

Earlier, Ortigas and Co. general partner Fernando Ortigas wrote Paref-Northfield requesting the school to "refrain from further representing that it (Ortigas and Co.) had lifted the restrictions it had imposed on the donation of the open space," until the school had complied with several conditions.

Among these conditions were the submission of sufficient proof that no laws and ordinances would be violated by the implementation of the Paref-Mathay memorandum of agreement.

"Since the letter-clarifications established with sufficient clarity that the MOA would violate existing zoning laws and ordinances, Paref-Northfield would not be able to comply with the conditions of Ortigas," Inton said. "Therefore, Ortigas could not lift the restrictions imposed on the donation."

The deed of donation limited the use of the 3.1-hectare open space to roads, streets, parks and playgrounds. Any violation of the deed of donation on the part of the city government could allow Ortigas to repossess the land.

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The Management of Gloria Maris Chain of Restaurants would like to inform the public that a certain FLORINDA "Nana Flory" ESTRADA, who claims to be a director of the company, is not connected or never connected or having hold any position with this company either as director or stockholder to date.

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RUDY GACER

WINNERS in an earlier contest conducted by Cruz (right) and hosted by Lorna Tolentino (left), who will also host Wednesday's show.

THESE seem the worst of times.

The world's most powerful nation is attacked by terrorists. It launches its own attacks and starts a war. Popular movie stars are murdered, get seriously injured in accidents, and throw themselves off buildings, almost in succession. Secessionist rebels wage war and recalcitrant officials revolt. Workers are laid off at an alarming rate. The economy is on a downward spiral.

Imagine a landscape filled with signs of all these and then imagine that in the middle of it all is rising a spectacle of sight and sounds — a hairstyle and makeup show.

This is the time to stage a hair and makeup show?

"Life, as they say, has to go on," says Evelyn Alvaran Cruz. "Even in the worst of times, people should not stop taking care of themselves, of their looks.

"In fact," adds Cruz, whose cheerfulness would never remind you of these depressing times, "the worst of times is the best time for taking care of ourselves. How can we survive the times if we don't take care of ourselves and make ourselves fit?"

Cruz is the woman who powers Hair Asia, the glossy publication on the beauty industry, particularly hairstyle and makeup. She is also the brains and organizer of the Battle of the Champions Hair and Makeup Competition that is happening on Wednesday, Nov. 28, at the World Trade Center on Roxas Boulevard in Manila. The annual event is meant to promote the publication, according to Cruz, who is both publisher and event organizer.

Boom and bust

Cruz, who is the beauty expert to a number of show business stars, observes a "surprising" phenomenon: the beauty industry in a boom when the economy is going bust.

"Now there are more players," she says. "Of course the economic downturn is also affecting the beauty industry, but it is also bringing out the best in the players. Salons are offering more services, not just hair and makeup. Now they have spas, massage, foot scrub, aromatherapy, sauna. There is a spa boom. And they're bringing their prices down.

CRUZ

"There are even 20-square-meter salons that claim to have a spa," she adds.

Even as she expects the spa craze to go the way of the hot *pan de sal,* shawarma and pearl shakes (with long lines up to the counter today and long, slow. empty business hours tomorrow), she is all for patronizing salons and spas now.

"*Sa hirap ng buhay ngayon,* people should go to salons and spas to release tension, to prevent depression. We deserve the relaxation and the good feeling that we pay good money for."

Home is best

For workaday employees who don't have the disposable income to afford the services of spas and salons, this expert has good news: Home treatment is the best.

She says that if you're an office employee and you can't afford a salon foot scrub, for example, you can buy over the counter what you need for home treatment — scrub, nail file or emery board or pumice stone. Put warm water in a basin, add a few drops of perfume and salt, soak your feet for 15-20 minutes, file the rough skin away and buff to smoothen the skin of your feet using a fine sponge called buffer.

Cruz makes looking good and feeling good sound so simple and easy. And inexpensive.

"For foot or hand scrub, you can use ground peanuts, ground avocado seeds or even sand, which is practically free, with a little oil, even sesame oil, and you've got a scrub," she says. "You can be vain and survive the hard times, too. You don't have to spend a lot."

For a body scrub, use ground coffee beans, even after brewing, she says. "You only need the grounds, anyway, to scrub off the dead skin. "

Lemon grass, the *tanglad* used in cooking, can be boiled and the *tanglad* water can be an effective anti-fungal soak for the feet, she says. "Plant tanglad in a pot on the kitchen window and you have a good source of a pampering agent for your feet," she says.

Aromatherapy, too, is not exclusive to the expensive salons. Cruz advises: Boil lemon grass, soak face towel in the infusion, drape towel over face and voila! Aromatherapy in the kitchen. Rose, *ylang-ylang,* sampaguita, *champaca* and other sweet flowers from your backyard can also be used.

Multinationals

Cruz's Nov. 28 show at the World Trade Center in Pasay City, however, will not be about beauty treatments using kitchen and backyard sources. For one, it has the support of scores of companies in the beauty industry, including several big names from the US, the UK, Germany, Italy and Taiwan producing the full range of beauty industry essentials from hair color and shampoos to hair brushes and scissors to barber's chairs and hot oil steamers.

A first-ever in Cruz's show is "Salon Spectacular 2001," the selection of the 10 finest salons, "to set the standards in the salon business." Metro Manila alone, according to Cruz, has more than 20,000 small and big salons but she figures that only about 30 to 50 of these, "the really fine ones," will vie to be in the 10 finest.

The one-day spectacle also features an exhibit of foreign and local beauty products.

The three category champions who will emerge from the Nov. 28 competitions, to be picked by Filipino and foreign judges, will represent the country in the Asian hairstyling competition in Singapore next June. One of the category champs will be declared overall champion and Cruz hopes whoever it will be can take part in the World Hair Olympics, a biennial competition to be held in July in Las Vegas. The Philippines qualified for the hair olympics only this year.

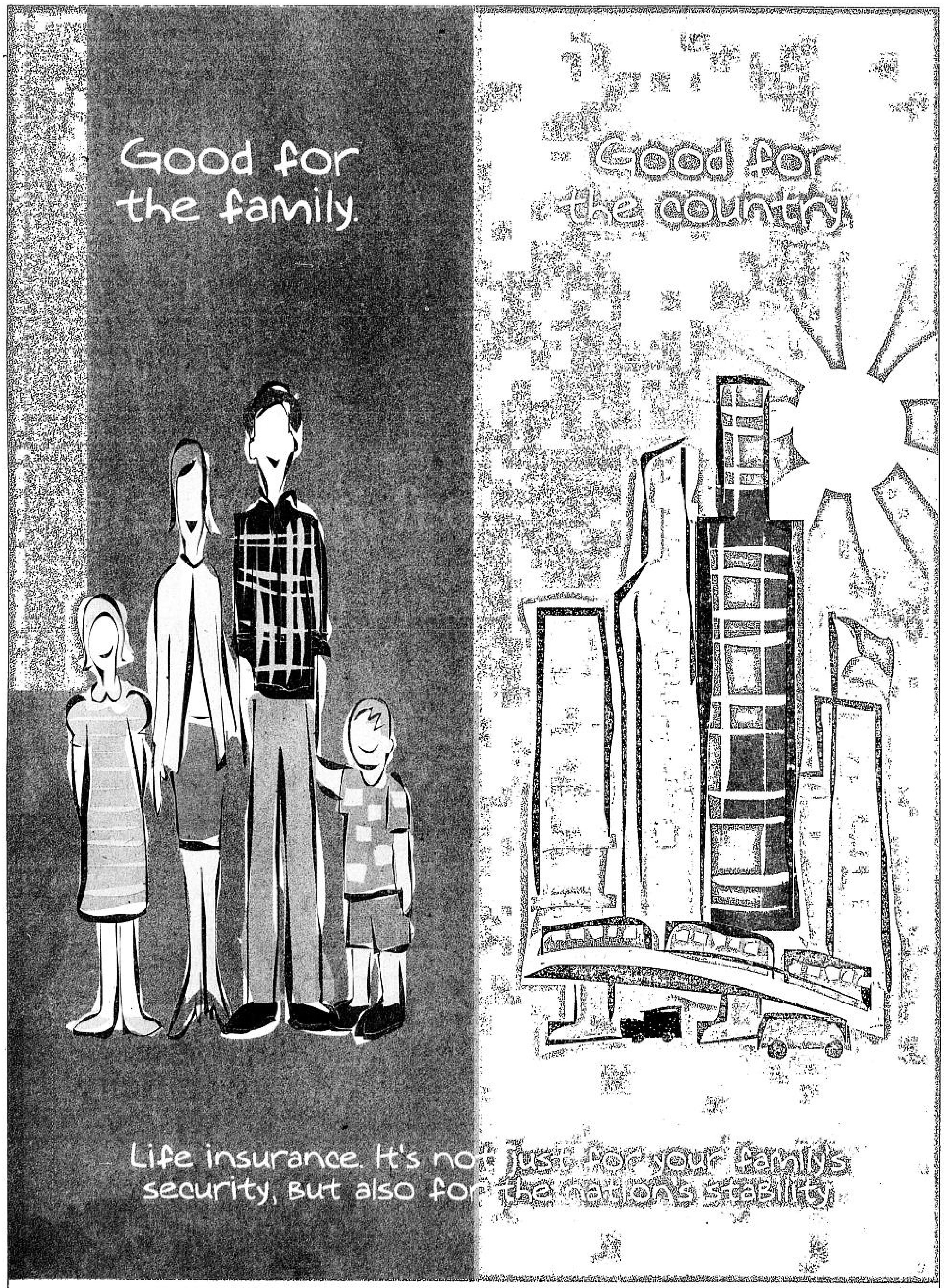
Cruz also hopes that by 2003, the Philippines will have been able to host the Asian competition. The last time Manila was host was in the '80s when Cruz was not yet in the beauty business.

Raising spirit

"Surprisingly," she says, "even when the economy is in a slump, there are more cosmetic players sponsoring the competition, including one from the US that has at least 32 lines of shampoos, styling gels and mousses and other products.

"Now you don't have to go out of the country to buy these foreign products and equipment because they're here," she says. With a naughty smile she adds, "You don't have to smuggle them in anymore. They're even cheaper because there are less taxes to be paid here than in other countries."

When Cruz and her Hair Asia present Battle of the Champions on Wednesday, they will not only try to raise hair and the self-esteem of salon customers. In these hard, depressing times, they will also be trying to raise the human spirit. *LCC*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An era dies with Nida

By Jose Javier Reyes

OF ALL the tributes and ruminations about the life and death of Nida Blanca, the piece written by INQUIRER columnist Conrad de Quiros rings truest.

De Quiros stated that the brutal and unforgivable murder of Blanca, real name Dorothy Jones, did not only underline the uncertainty of our times. The gruesome event marked the end of our innocence, the shattering of what popular culture represents to the hearts and souls of the Filipino audience.

Nida Blanca is already a part of our collective memory: She is the self-effacing Marsha, she is the boogie-woogie dancing Galawgaw, she is superwoman Sputnik. She is Everywoman in our eyes, and like no other woman in our minds.

Her career — spanning 165 films, successful television series and acting trophies on display — does not compare to the way she touched the lives of people who adored her and the people who worked with her.

And now she is gone. Only Gloria Romero is left to remind us that there was a time when true stardom emerged from a strange mixture of outstanding talent and extraordinary circumstances. Nida Blanca, Charito Solis and Ms Romero are, after all, the triumvirate of exceptional stars who have become even more superior actresses because they refused to let the passage of time and trends deprive fans of their ever-evolving talent.

First-rate

Unlike Susan Roces and Amalia Fuentes, they did not retire into the more comfortable domain of private citizenry. Blanca, Solis and Romero evolved from ingenue into first-rate versatile actresses because the grinding cameras captured their transformation where beauty cannot be lost when the sparkle of sheer talent and star magnitude overpower the natural effects of time.

Indeed, they do not make stars like these ladies any more. There are no more stars following the definition of that fairy tale-like plot where beautiful young people are blessed by Lady Luck to become larger than life on the screen while retaining a semblance of mystery in real life. There are no more stars that tickle the fantasy of the audience, providing role models not only because of their rare God-given looks but more because the sheer velocity of their talent pushed them to immeasurable heights.

Nowadays stars seem pre-fabricated rather than celebrated. In the age of multi-media corporations, stardom is achieved through machinations of the studios wherein actors and actresses are treated like commodities packaged and marketed to sell TV shows, movies and recordings.

Crowded, chaotic

It seems that after Robin Padilla and Judy Ann Santos, no one has yet succeeded in generating a following that even comes close to how star power is measured. Despite claims of being the next Nora Aunor or Vilma Santos, not a single female performer has shown promise of possessing not only depth and extent of acting talent but also the charisma to sustain a near-fanatic following.

After Sharon Cuneta, everyone pales in comparison in possessing qualities to warrant adulation that cuts across all sectors of the socio-economic market. After Richard Gomez and Aga Muhlach, local filmdom has yet to find the next major leading man to typify the true leading man whose charms, machismo and appeal are unique and time-tested.

Nowadays, actors come and go. They are discovered, launched, fielded and allowed to fend for themselves in a chaotic and crowded media jungle. There are those who survive and get their 15 minutes of fame, then sink into the limbo of has-beens or should-have-beens. There are even so much more who plunge head-on into the raging waters of show biz, sinking down to the bottom without so much as a gulp or gasp.

If they are adopted sons and daughters of major TV stations and/or film studios, they carry a necessary advantage of greater exposure. But this does not carry the guarantee that they will land on the exact spot where their ambitions yearn to go.

Persistence

If they are merely taking their chances and depending on fate to steer the course of their careers, then they need to pray, and work harder. Some will do or have done everything, only to find themselves in exactly the same spot where they started. After all, a promising career can also be described as one shaped by a series of unfulfilled promises.

It seems that nowadays stardom is achieved through the same basic laws that create moving pictures: persistence of vision.

Young actors and actresses warrant popularity by constant and consistent exposure, endless and tireless appearances on TV shows and movies. In the Philippines, there ceased to be delineation between TV and movie stars: They have become one and the same. And because of this, the life span of careers resembles mayflies that burst from larvae to high-flying creatures then straight into oblivion in the duration of a millisecond.

No one seems to believe in the law of supply and demand. When actors are in demand, their talent managers and producers abide by the tenet of making hay while the sun is out, unperturbed by the possibilities of a sudden solar eclipse. It is like grabbing everything within reach, never seeking loftier aspirations for a long-range career maybe because this is never part of anyone's career planning.

Business above all

Since stars have become selling points rather than phenomena, the disposability and dispensability of their presence has become part of a corporate design meant to protect the interests of business above everything else. Studios seek and churn out endless chains of fresh and beautiful young people thereby reminding even those successfully created earlier that they are not irreplaceable.

The constant threat is that there is always someone younger and more beautiful waiting in line to bump off the misbehaving or uncooperative amongst the stellar lot who may dare violate corporate demands.

Stars are no longer owned and managed by individual talent managers whose clout used to be such a strong leverage for TV stations and film studios. From the late '80s to the early '90s, talent managers used to take important roles in the decision-making processes of media, approximating the power of Hollywood's Mike Ovitz in packaging creative talents and warranting the unconditional cooperation of studio bigwigs.

Precisely because of this condition, multi-media corporations wisened up by creating their own stable of stars, maximizing the power of their influence to eventually bump off the so-called biggies by creating their own major players. This completely reduced the leverage of the talent managers, and the performers who are not directly affiliated with the bureaucratic structure of media companies.

Complete opposite

Yet this is so completely different from the classic studio system. Remember that Nida, Charito and Gloria were products of the LVN and Sampaguita days, when media were so much kinder, gentler and simpler.

During those good old days, the media exposure of stars was controlled and limited. Personal lives were kept away from public light and scandals were shunned with the studio's control of publicity releases.

Now it has become the complete opposite. An entire sub-industry has been created to scavenge the dung heap of rumors and scandals, if only to generate interest in specific individuals in a field of too-many competitors.

For one to succeed, one needs to get noticed at whatever cost. The veil of mystery among stars is nonexistent since, as one laughingly commented, the public knows more about the private lives of actors and actresses than those of their next-door neighbors.

True brilliance

In other words, the very definition of stardom has been drastically modified to mean a fleeting moment of overindulgent popularity only to be displaced by the volatility of trends. Yes, stars have become plain commodities marketed along the same lines as shampoo, hamburgers or even pearl shakes.

They don't make stars the way they used to. And this adds to the tragedy of the untimely death of Galawgaw.

The innocence is forever lost because one of the sources of true brilliance is gone. The glow and magic of filmmaking may still illuminate our big screens. The light from the TV set may still brighten our living rooms.

But somehow, in some very sad way, the brilliance cannot compare to the fire of the likes of Dorothy Jones.

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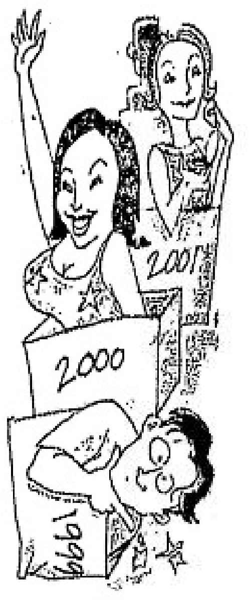

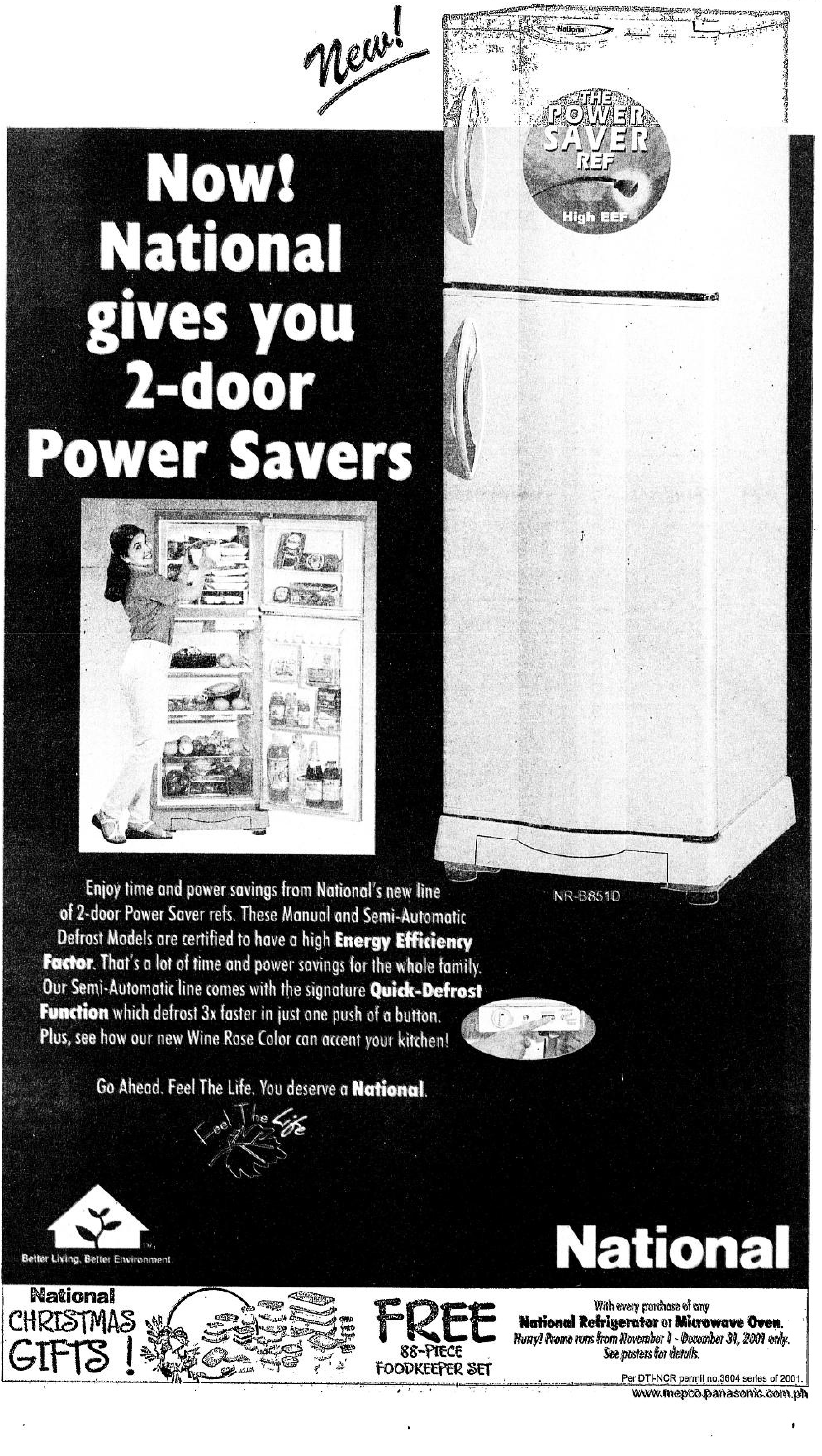

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Pops at Music Museum

POPS Fernandez mounts the Music Museum stage for a one-night concert, 9 p.m. on Dec. 6, as part of 105.1 Crossover's "Crossover Presents" monthly concert series.

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Providing back-up vocals is The Opera.

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A terrifying trip

(From page A32)

This is the kind of over-the-top treatment that "Joy Ride" director John Dahl and writers Clay Tarver and J. J. Abrams brings to the screen. They strike the right nerve-wracking chord with the audience the moment Rusty Nail's silhouette shows up at the motel and they never let go through the many clever twists of the film.

Whether he lets the camera linger in scenes or rushes his shots in others, Dahl has a knack for involving us in the paranoia. We never get to see anything than what the brothers, and later on the brothers and Venna, know and experience.

Rusty Nail's motel mayhem is executed with us hearing nothing but a jumble of barely audible sounds. The camera zooms in on a dark painting inside Lewis and Fuller's room and stays there as we strain to hear what they are eavesdropping on. We know something terrible is happening and, like the brothers, we are just as scared out of our wits with second-guessing what exactly that is.

Rusty Nail is faceless, a terrifying presence that pervades the film and could make people grip their armrests wherever the protagonists are: on the road, gassing up, inside a convenience store, a bar, or their motel rooms, in open spaces and broad daylight, or in disconcerting, foreboding darkness. It doesn't matter.

We don't even get an introduction or a pretext as to why he's doing what he's doing, and we couldn't care less because we're too engrossed and wondering how he'll turn up in the next scene.

The actors all turn in very believable performances, but it is Zahn who steals the show. His Fuller has got trouble written all over him and Zahn has him wired all the way, showing an amazing range of scared stiffness, zaniness, idiocy and duplicity.

Walker doesn't need any stretching playing another clean-cut good guy. Fans of Sobieski would be glad to see her display naïve sexiness on screen. The girl has grown up and looks drop-dead gorgeous in tank tops. Interestingly, the voice behind Rusty Nail is never mentioned in the film's credits.

But that's all right. I would rather not know, anyway.

Exploitative coverage of Nida Blanca murder case on TV

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

WE join other grieving friends of **Nida Blanca** in bewailing the increasingly exploitative way that some TV channels have been covering her murder case. At the start, it wasn't so bad. TV people appeared to be setting limits for themselves, and that was all to the good.

In general, they refrained from showing images of the murder scene, the victim's body, or any hint of blood or violence.

After some days, however, the Nida Blanca murder case become so big that some channels tried to gain an advantage over other stations' coverage by showing glimpses of parts of the victim's body as it was found in her car.

Sometimes, the shots were shown in black and white to lessen their impact, but the initial inroads had already been made. From then on, it was only a matter of time before increasingly revealing shots were shown to viewers.

This "tabloid TV' competition has got to stop, out of simple deference to and respect for the victim, and for the feelings of her loved ones, friends and fans.

Not only Nida's friends are protesting. Even "ordinary" viewers are affronted by some channels' intrusion into the privacy that all murder victims are entitled to.

The media's handling of the death of Princess Diana should set the standard in this and other similar instances. Soon after Princess Di perished in a car accident, word got around that some paparazzis had in fact taken photos of her dying moments and were selling those photographs to the wire services and other media services.

But the media realized that those photographs shouldn't be brought out in public, so no sale was effected, despite their obvious news value.

It's too bad that, in their mad dash for their great god, Ratings, some local TV channels have lost their sense of circumspection. It's up to viewers to remind them, in no uncertain terms, that there are some limits that must not be breached, no matter what.

Controversial talk show

THE "JENNY Jones" talk show is now seen on Studio 23, weekdays at noontime and every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:30 p.m.

Jones has tackled a number of controversial topics since her show started telecasting in 1991. She started her performing career as a drummer, and later shifted to stand-up comedy (she was the first woman to win the Star Search Comedy Grand Prize).

But it was "Girl's Night Out," a comedy act that Jones created for her club tour with **Engelbert Humperdinck**, that got her noticed. After a high-profile appearance on "20/20," Jones was tapped to host her own talk show, described by some as a wilder version of "Oprah."

Some of the titles of episodes of her show are "You're Expecting a Child, So Please Quit Acting Wild!", "Hey, Wake Up and Lose Some of That Makeup!," "Make-Over My Frumpy Mom to Look Like The Bomb!," "Jenny, Seal My Fate and Find Me a Date!," and "How Could You Look into My Eyes and Tell Me Those Lies?"—Get the picture?

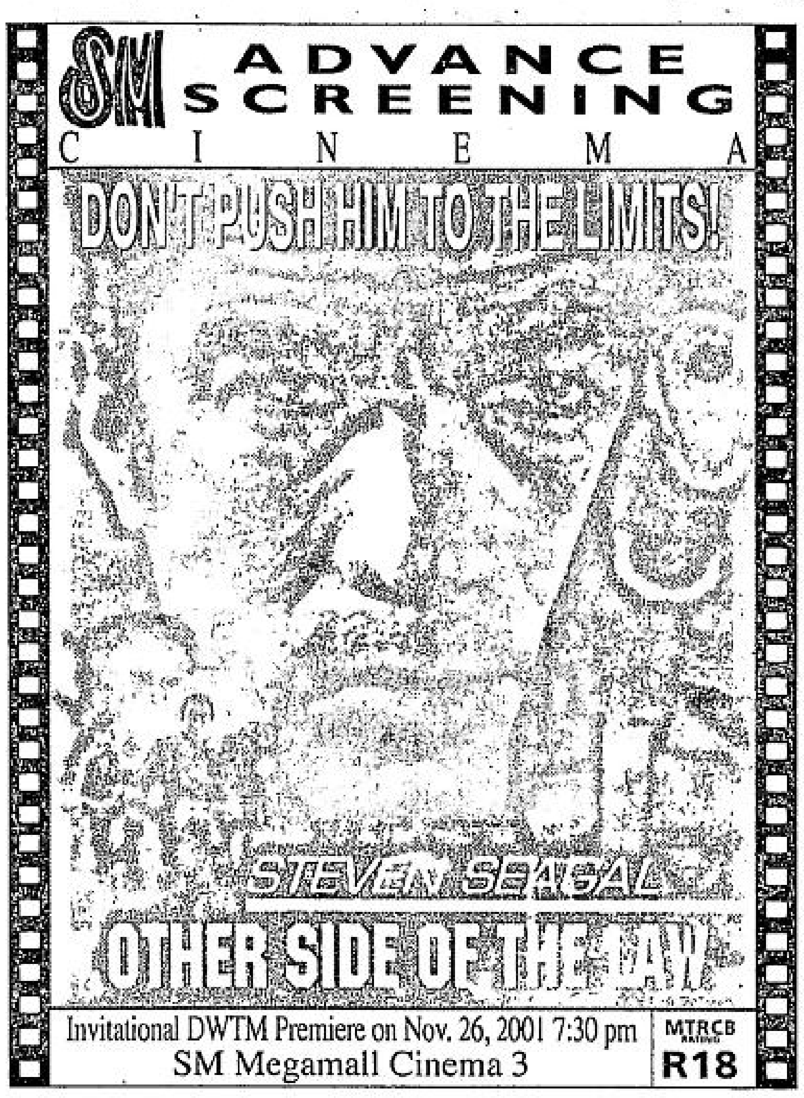
CMMA award

MONSTER Radio RX 93.1's acclaimed program, "Back to the '70s—And Beyond," recently won the CMMA award for Best Radio Entertainment Program. An enlightening, nostalgic trip, the show evokes the past through narrative and music.

It also won the 10th Golden Glove Award for Best Radio Special (Metro Manila). It now airs on RX 93.1 every Monday from 6 to 7 p.m. as "Back to the Eighties,' using the same format to portray the '80s milieu.

AI-AI AT THE BIG DOME

Comedienne Ai-Ai de las Alas is the type who will do anything to make her audience laugh. To her, "anything" means everything it takes. That includes going out of this world, which is what she will do in her upcoming major concert, "Out of This World Na Me, Araneta na Kasi," Dec. 1, 8 p.m. at the Big Dome. The powerhouse lineup of guests include Pops Fernandez, The Hunks, Patricia Javier, Jaya, The Manouevres, Side A Band, Monserrat Male Singers and Whiplash Dancers, with Floy Quintos as writer and driector. Musical director is Beth Martin. The show is a production of JLF Organization, Backroom Inc. and JV JBRS Entertainment Inc. The concert is a benefit for the Golden Acres Home for the Aged and Infirmed.



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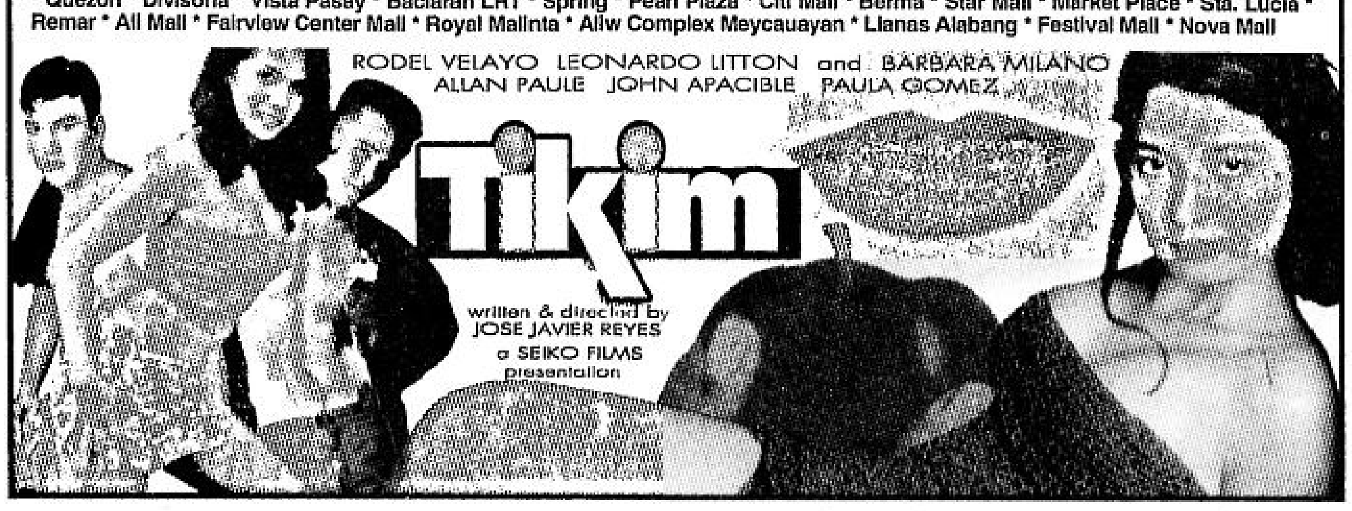

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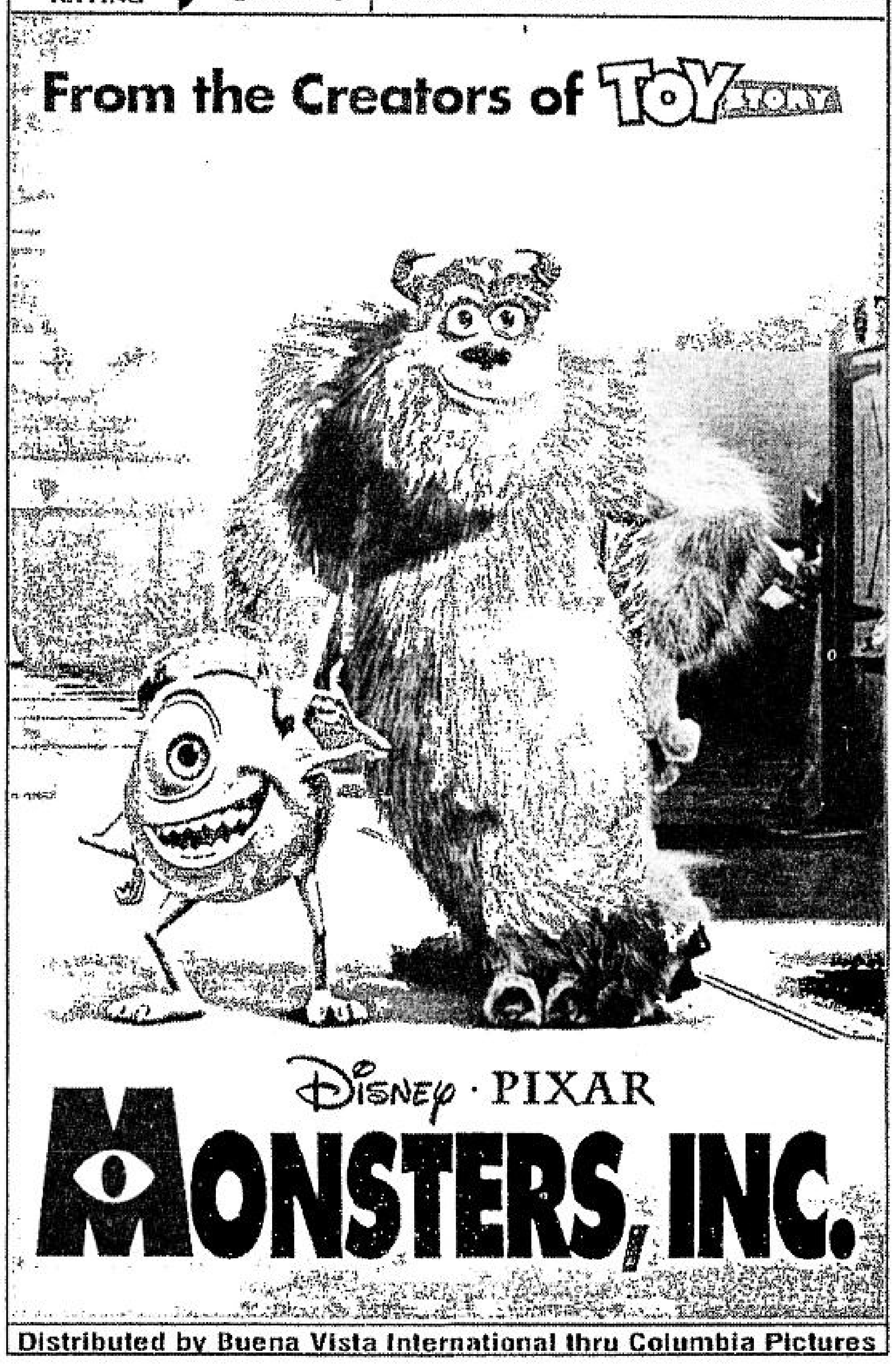

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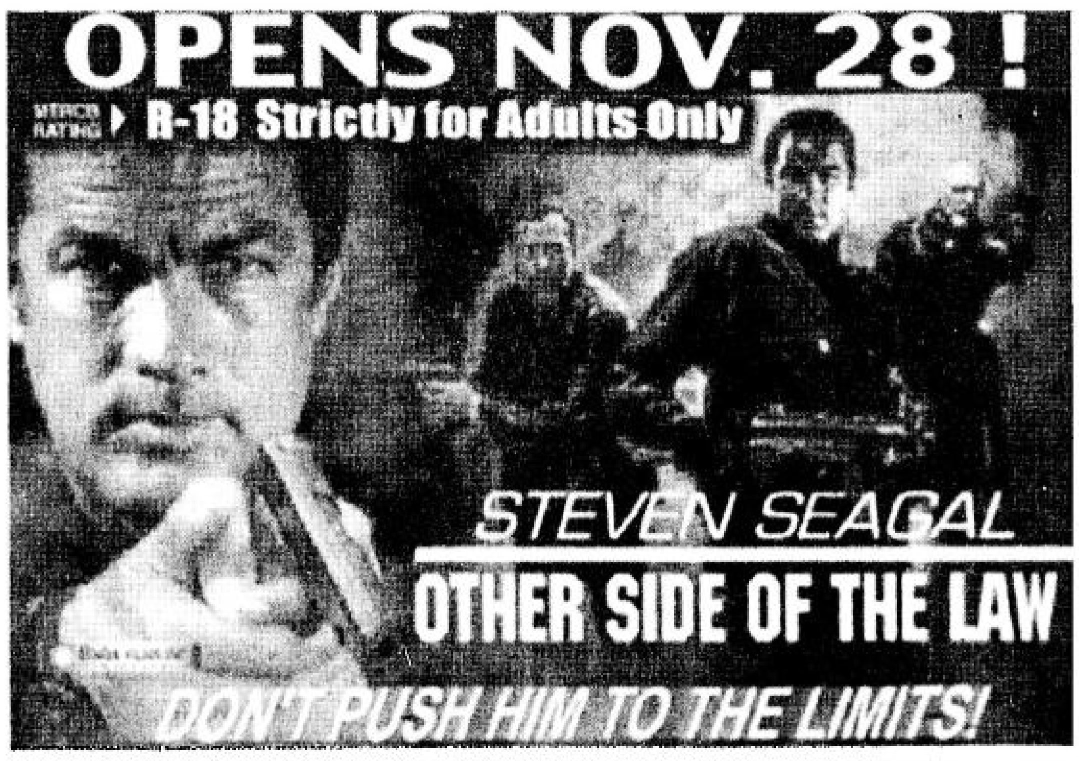

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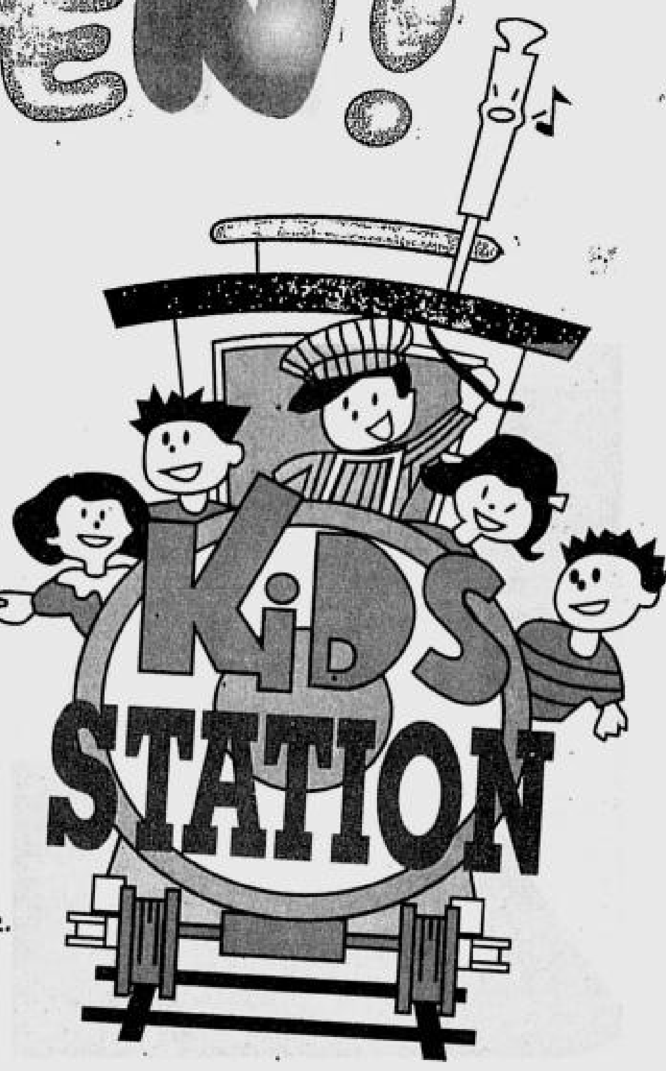

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'JOY RIDE'

A terrifying trip

BY RUBEN M. CRUZ JR.

REVIEW

ANYONE who has ever gone out on a long drive knows the kinds of therapy it can bring.

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Long drives can do wonders to a budding relationship as well, and that kind of romantic therapy is what Paul Walker's Lewis is hoping for when he reimburses his plane tickets to buy an old, beat-up Chrysler so that he can drive instead of fly home to New Jersey for the summer vacation. No, the Sept. 11 attacks don't have anything to do with his decision. It's just that his hometown friend Venna (Leelee Sobieski) wants to nurse a broken heart on the road, and he likes nothing else than to keep her company.

Not a bad idea, really, especially since he has always wanted to establish a non-platonic relationship with Venna and what better way to do that than to catch her on the rebound as they chill together during the drive.

This prologue could have made for a good love story; a sappier, B-movie version of "Two for the Road" perhaps. Even when Lewis decides to make a stopover to bail out his rebel-slacker older brother Fuller (Steve Zahn) from jail, a menage a trois angle could have been played. But "Joy Ride" is a suspense thriller, not a romantic film. And it happens to be a genuinely scary one.

Straight to hell

People who have seen the film or its creepy "taillight trailer" know when the brothers' joy ride goes straight to hell. During a stopover, Fuller has a CB radio installed in their car, partly to amuse himself and partly to avoid speeding tickets along the way. He likens the CB or citizen's band radio to a "prehistoric Internet" and wastes no time chatting up anyone who would care to talk.

He goads Lewis to talk in a falsetto voice and pretend he's a lonely, blonde sexpot (with the handle Candy Cane) to fool horny truck drivers on the road.

They're able to lure a mysterious, gravel-voices trucker named Rusty Nail and set up a rendezvous with him at a motel where they're staying—only, they give him the room adjacent to theirs where an obnoxious motel guest happens to be staying.

It's just a joke, of course, a seemingly harmless prank with a touch of poetic justice to it, as they pit one "sicko" against another. But no prank is ever harmless in scary movies.

Over the top

In scary movies, some of the worst nightmares have come alive because of the most innocent of pranks. In the morning, the motel's obnoxious guest turns up barely alive in the hospital, with the lower half of his jaw ripped off. The brothers are horrified because they know the homicidal culprit, but they are even more horrified when it becomes apparent that Rusty Nail is stalking them, wanting to exact revenge.

"Joy Ride" has the kind of story anyone would love to tell during scary story-telling time, one a night when a storm is raging and electricity has been cut off.

It's like that local urban legend about those two lovers whose car ran out of gasoline on a deserted road, a simple story we could all relate to and let loose our imaginations on. I have heard that fictitious story told and retold since I was in grade school and it has developed so many amazing nuances and endings.

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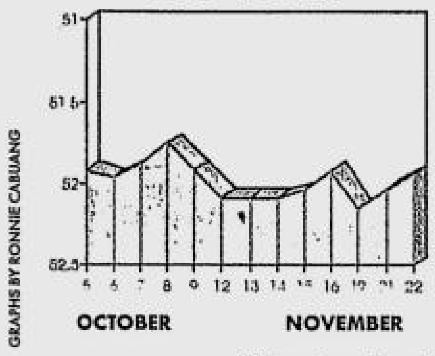

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Stocks to rise

SHARE prices are expected to rise further on follow-through buying triggered by a string of positive developments here and abroad.

Investors are still cheering the multibillion-dollar worth of fresh investment pledges from the United States that resulted from President Macapagal-Arroyo's working visit.

The sustainability of the market's rally, however, remains to be tested although among the factors working in its favor include the yearend window-dressing activities or the seasonal Santa Claus factor.

Analysts said, however, that the daily value turnover, currently at P500 million, would still have to improve to confirm a bullish reversal.

The Phisix gained 5.3 percent to close at 1,088.46 last week.

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE STATE-RUN Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. is negotiating a deal with two big foreign groups on the development within three years of a 65-hectare reclaimed property along Roxas Boulevard into a $15-billion Entertainment City—a Las Vegas and Disneyland rolled into one.

In an interview with the Inquirer, Pagcor chair Efraim Genuino said only a few legal issues were being ironed out with these two consortia—composed of big investors from Taiwan, the United States, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, China and Australia—and that a deal would likely be closed within the year or early next year.

The Pagcor chief said President Macapagal-Arroyo would announce the identity of these foreign investors upon the signing of the contract.

The mammoth project will include three mega-casinos, six theme parks, a marina and sports complex, an indoor rainforest, shopping malls, offices and residential condominium, an elevated mass transit system, an educational/cultural complex, a hotel, a housing village for Pagcor employees and even a hospital. It will be the future site of Pagcor's headquarters and the center of casino operations in the country.

"We are focusing on this Entertainment City. Once completed, this project will triple the income of Pagcor and the government will not spend a single centavo for the development. And this project will bring billions of dollars to the country," Genuino said.

To start the project rolling, Genuino said Pagcor would use P15 billion to P18 billion worth of proceeds from its ongoing bond float to buy the land from the Public Estates Authority, which, in turn, would remit the funds to the national government to help cover its widening budget deficit.

Initially measuring 65 hectares, the land for the project could be expandable up to 100 hectares, he said. The land would be Pagcor's stake in the project while the foreign investors would shoulder the cost of development.

Genuino said the land would be divided into two, each of which would be separately developed by the two foreign consortia chosen to become Pagcor's strategic partners for the project.

About $9 billion of the entire project cost would be spent for the theme parks with three different themes: a tropical rainforest, beach and lagoon; a marina and sports complex, and a shopping mall and winter park.

If completed by 2004, Pagcor's Entertainment City is seen to bolster business activity along the reclaimed Roxas Boulevard property. By 2005, retail tycoon Henry Sy's Mall of Asia is expected to start operations. It is also near the 750-hectare Cyber City being developed by Amari Coastal Bay Development Corp.

As part of its strategic plans, Genuino also said Pagcor would build along Roxas Boulevard a new college to offer bachelor's degree in gaming management.

The only remaining obstacle to the project, Genuino said, was that Pagcor's corporate life would expire in 2008. While the company is still working to get a fresh mandate from Congress, he said a new subsidiary, Pagcor International, was now being organized to handle the Entertainment City project.

One of the government's cash cows, Pagcor remits 50 percent of its earnings to the national treasury. It also contributes to other agencies such as the Philippine Sports Commission and to the Presidential Social Fund.

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Business outlook improving

By Clarissa S. Batino

ALREADY bearish with the current quarter, businessmen polled by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas have kept a bearish outlook for the economy in the first quarter of next year largely because of the impact of a continued slowdown in the United States and Japan.

However, the BSP survey conducted in October covering 184 respondent-firms noted that "expectations on key leading indicators point to a still weak but improving business outlook in the first quarter of 2002 from a much bearish outlook for the economy for the fourth quarter of 2001."

The survey respondents were from 12 major industry groups with the firms drawn from Manila's top 3,000 corporations. The BSP said the poll had a 35-percent response rate.

The central bank said a perception of a continued global slowdown, to be triggered by the US and Japanese economies, had contributed significantly to the weak business outlook for this quarter and next.

Using a so-called diffusion index wherein negative results meant that more poll respondents had a deteriorating outlook rather than improving, the index for the fourth quarter of a negative 32.6 percent was worse compared with a negative 9.8 percent index for the first quarter of 2002.

Among the factors cited by the respondents to justify a negative outlook were insufficient demand, high interest rates, onerous access to credit and "unclear" economic laws.

The BSP said the respondents could be referring to high bank lending rates in particular because the central bank's overnight rates at the time of the survey were already lower compared with their levels a year ago.

Also, of the 184 respondents, only a quarter noted they were entertaining expansion plans.

"The ongoing global slowdown together with the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the US and their aftermath contributed largely to the change in business outlook," the central bank statement said.

The negative 32.6-percent index for the current quarter was a result of the following negative results: 46.3 percent for the manufacturing sector, 41.7 percent for business activities, 40.4 percent for wholesale and retail trade, 40 percent each for real estate as well as community and social services, 33.3 percent for financial intermediation, 28.6 percent for construction, and 25 percent for the sector of agriculture, fishery and forestry, and 9.1 percent for hotels and restaurants.

Only the sectors of electricity, gas and water as well as the transport, storage and communication yielded a positive index of 25 percent and 7.7 percent for this quarter.

Both sectors continued to reflect a positive outlook for the next quarter, represented by a 75-percent index score for the utilities and a stable 7.7 percent for transport and communication.

For the first quarter of 2002, the following sectors still posted negative results: manufacturing with 22 percent, real estate with 20 percent, wholesale and retail trade with 17 percent, construction with 14.3 percent, business activities with 8.3 percent, and financial intermediation with 7.4 percent.

From a negative outlook this quarter, only the farm sector had showed a reversal with a 25-percent positive score in the index.

Local energy sector seen getting $1-B investments from Indonesia

By Ronnel W. Domingo

ABOUT $1 billion worth of investments from Indonesia could come in if plans between the Indonesian and Philippine governments and businessmen push through, Energy Secretary Vicente Perez Jr. said last week.

"According to a senior representative of the Department of Trade and Industry who came with us to Jakarta, all the agreements made between the Philippines and Indonesia could easily translate to that amount," Perez said.

The secretary added that the $1 billion represented investments in the energy sector alone.

During President Macapagal-Arroyo's visit to Indonesia early this month, the two governments signed memorandums of understanding to cooperate on energy development.

Perez said the MOUs-covered possible long-term supply deals of coal and natural gas from Indonesia.

He explained that the agreements would enable state firm National Power Corp. to secure a supply of Indonesian coal of up to 2 million tons a year.

"This could be made under a preferred pricing arrangement where Napocor can save about 10 percent compared with market-indexed prices," Perez said.

Perez said the actual volume of coal supply was up to Napocor and that the length of the arrangement was still under negotiation.

Aside from this, he said the Indonesian Coal Mining Association would consider bidding for either of Napocor's Calaca or Masinloc plants to assure itself a considerable share of the Philippine coal market.

Each of the coal-fired plants has a generating capacity of 600 mw.

The two countries would also look into possible sourcing of natural gas from Indonesia's East Natuna reserve.

"Based on the DoE's projections of electricity demand, we would need within five to seven years additional gas beyond what Malampaya can offer," he said.

Indonesia has a total natural gas reserve of 72 trillion cubic feet, the biggest in Southeast Asia, while Malampaya has about 2.7 trillion cubic feet.

Indonesia has also offered to tap Philippine National Oil Co. for the development of the former's potential geothermal energy. The Philippines is a leading developer of geothermal resources in the world.

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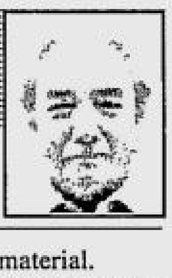

Honesto C. General

AN insurance policy is not for Sunday reading. The gobbledygook, ranging from legalese to the archaic, is simply beyond the ken of the layman. Which is just as well or insurance brokers like myself will be out of work.

The private car policy is simply more worded than most policies. Of the many provisions of the policy, the owner should learn by heart and keep constantly in mind the clause that defines the authorized driver: (a) the insured, or (b) any person driving on the insured person's order or with his permission. Under (b), the rule of thumb is that if the key is in the ignition switch, the driver is presumed to be driving the car with the permission of the insured. If the key is not on the ignition switch, the driver is probably stealing the car. Although the thief is not an authorized driver, the theft is covered under a separate clause. Simple enough, right?

But then follows the dreaded small print: *Provided that the person driving is permitted, in accordance with the licensing law or other regulation, to drive the scheduled vehicle, or has been permitted and is not disqualified by order of a Court of Law or by reason of any enactment or regulation in that behalf, provided that for Section I (Liability to the Public) and II (No Fault Indemnity) of this policy, an authorized driver shall include a duly licensed driver but whose license at the time of the accident has expired.*

The authorized driver clause falls in a class of insurance conditions called "warranties." The violation of a warranty voids the policy for as long as the violation exists. In case of an accident, the policy will not pay even if the violation is not the cause of the accident.

In other words, a violation of the authorized driver clause suspends the coverage of a motor policy for as long as the violation exists. For example, while the car is being driven by someone without a valid driver's license, the policy is not in force for as long as the unlicensed driver is driving the car. In case of an accident, the policy will not pay for the own damage or third party claim. Whether the unlicensed driver caused the accident or not is immaterial.

The policy is also suspended while being driven by someone who is driving beyond the limits specified in his license. An example is when someone working as a salaried driver is carrying a non-professional license. Or a student driver driving a car unaccompanied by someone with a valid permanent license, professional or non-professional.

If a non-professional driver's license is taken out fraudulently by an underage spoiled brat with the connivance of a doting father (or grandfather?), the policy is also suspended while the brat is driving the car. The suspension applies on any subsequent renewal of the fraudulent license even if, by then, he shall have reached the minimum age requirement of 17 to qualify for a license. Upon reaching legal age, he should not renew the fraudulent license. Instead, he should start afresh, apply for a new one and wipe out his fraudulent past.

If the driver is driving the car when his license has expired, the policy will pay for any third party liability. But it will not pay for any damage to the car itself.

If you borrow a friend's car, your policy will pay for any third party claim. Your friend's policy will pay for the own damage.

Insurance companies apply the authorized driver clause strictly because the Supreme Court, about 30 years ago, affirmed the validity of the clause. So, the moral is that before you allow anybody else to drive your car, make sure he has a valid driver's license. If your car figures in an accident while being driven by someone who should not be driving a car, you won't have a friend in the insurance industry.

Business Park to rise in Davao

DAVAO CITY—In the outskirts of the metropolis, a "new Davao" will be developed in a 76-hectare property that will include a mall, medical facility, high rise condominiums, amusement rides, river promenade and a mini-zoo.

The River Front Business Park will be developed by Sta. Lucia Realty Developers, F.S. Dizon and Sons, and Wilcon Builders.

Sonny Dizon, vice president for operations of F.S. Dizon and Sons, said part of the development is the P150-million river control project of the Davao River which involves the construction of dikes along the river banks as protection against erosion.

Another P100 million will be spent for the opening and concreting of roads leading to the business park.

He said although he has no actual figures yet as to how much the whole project will cost, he estimated it will "reach to billions."

The construction of the project will start next year. "This will become a city within a city," he said.

"This is going to be the heart of the city when the time comes."

A hectare of crocodile farm housing 300 crocodiles, which is still part of the 76-hectare property, will be relocated to another area within the property since a mall will be constructed in

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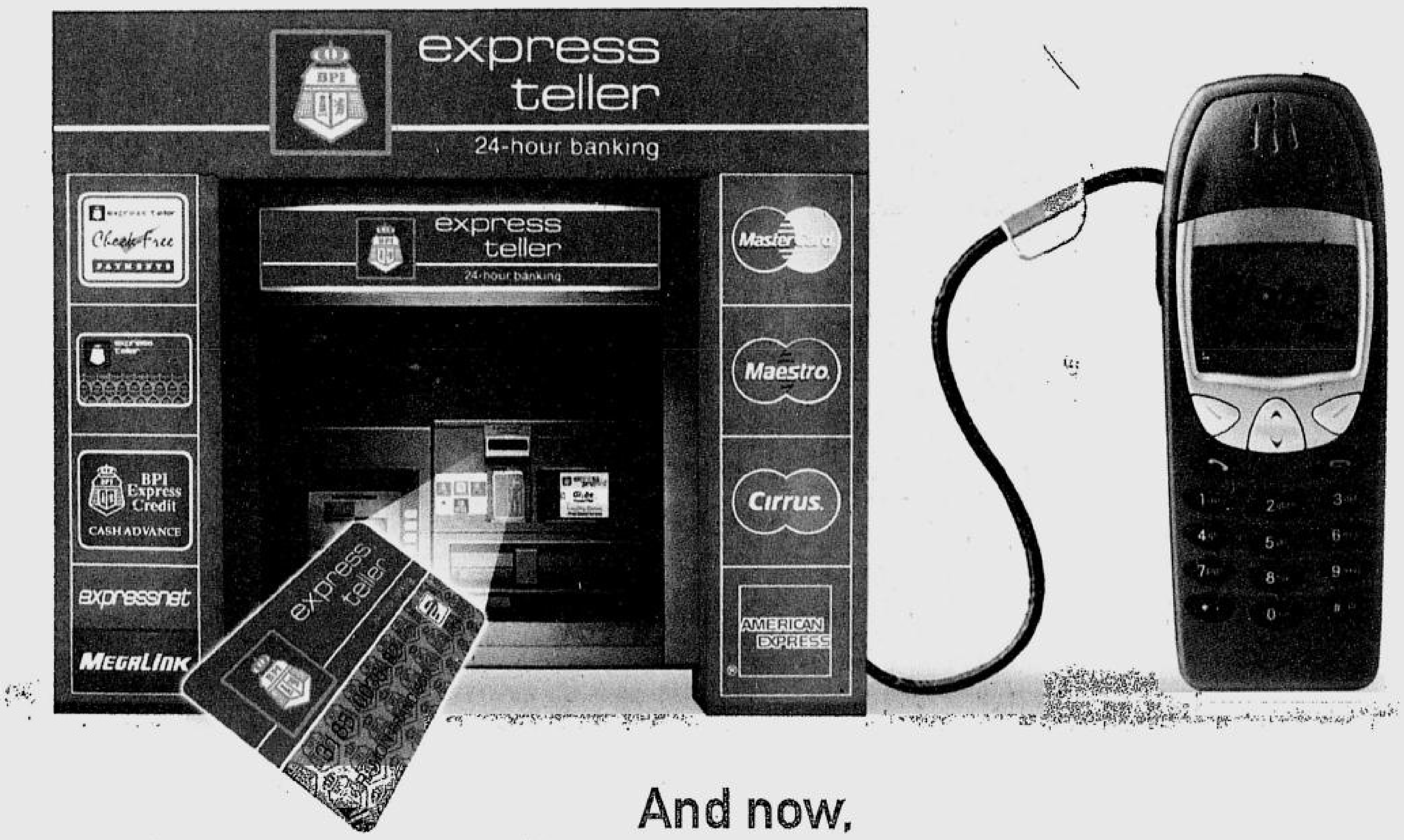
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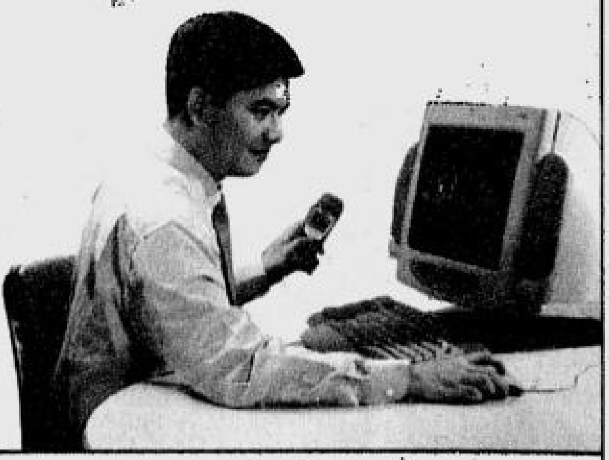

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Deutsche Bank hikes RP growth forecast

By Clarissa S. Batino

DEUTSCHE Bank AG, one of the biggest financial groups in the world, has revised upward its economic growth forecast for the Philippines to 2.8 percent this year and to a range of 4 to 5 percent for 2002.

In its annual presentation of the economic outlook for the country, Deutsche officials said they were confident that the Philippine economy, as measured by gross domestic product, would rebound even before the start of the second half next year together with the US economy.

The German bank, during the middle of the year, had projected a slower 1.8-percent growth in GDP this year, largely on fears of a sharp drop in exports.

But proving to be more resilient than expected, the country's domestic economy led by the agriculture sector appeared to be providing a pleasantly surprising kick to Philippine growth.

Thus, the full-year forecast had been raised by a percentage point to 2.8 percent and next year's GDP growth was seen to hit as high as 5 percent.

"The Philippines has been viewed as being as vulnerable to an export slowdown as the rest of Asia, based on its 1998 growth experience. With agricultural output now sustaining a 3-percent growth, so too is GDP growth stable," the bank said in its economic outlook prepared by Peter Redward, the bank's currency strategist in Asia.

Hubert Neiss, Deutsche Bank's chair for Asia, said the bank had good reason to believe that the US economy would recover by the middle of next year based on the assessment of groups like the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and even JP Morgan Chase.

Neiss, however, cautioned that forecasts, specially after the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States, would largely depend on how fast the war on terrorism would be resolved and if there would be no additional concerns that would tend to erode confidence.

"We have this big question mark after Sept. 11 and we have to take all forecasts with caution," Neiss said.

Still, Deutsche country manager Michael Hellbeck said he was optimistic that domestic consumption could pull the economy through this year and would help sustain growth next year.

The expected recovery in the United States next year was seen to lead to a surge in export receipts in the second half of 2002 and allow the country to match export growth in 1999 and enable it to post healthy GDP numbers next year.

"Overall, we do not expect 2002 export growth to be stronger than it was in 1999. But exports will stop being a drag on growth," Hellbeck said.

Next year, the bank said the country would show about $35.2 billion in merchandise export receipts from a projected $31.1 billion this year. Export receipts soared to $37.3 billion in 2000 from $34.2 billion in 1999.

Deutsche Bank is the 29th largest lender in the country with assets of P16.223 billion as of the third quarter, up 7.2 percent from the previous quarter's P15.128 billion. Deutsche had obtained its full banking license in 1995.

Hellbeck said the German bank was determined to grow and improve its wholesale operations in the country. Unlike other foreign banks with presence in the Philippines, Deutsche does not intend to go into retail as it had decided to limit such operations in Europe.

The Deutsche country chief said the bank would focus its local operations on balancing its global transactions and risk management activities, which would include foreign exchange operations and capital market exercises.

In terms of profitability, the bank ranks fourth in profitability among foreign banks.

Insurance firm posts 20% premium growth

By Doris C. Dumlao

LEADING motorcar insurer Standard Insurance has reported a 20-percent growth in net premium production in the first 10 months of the year despite the difficult economic environment.

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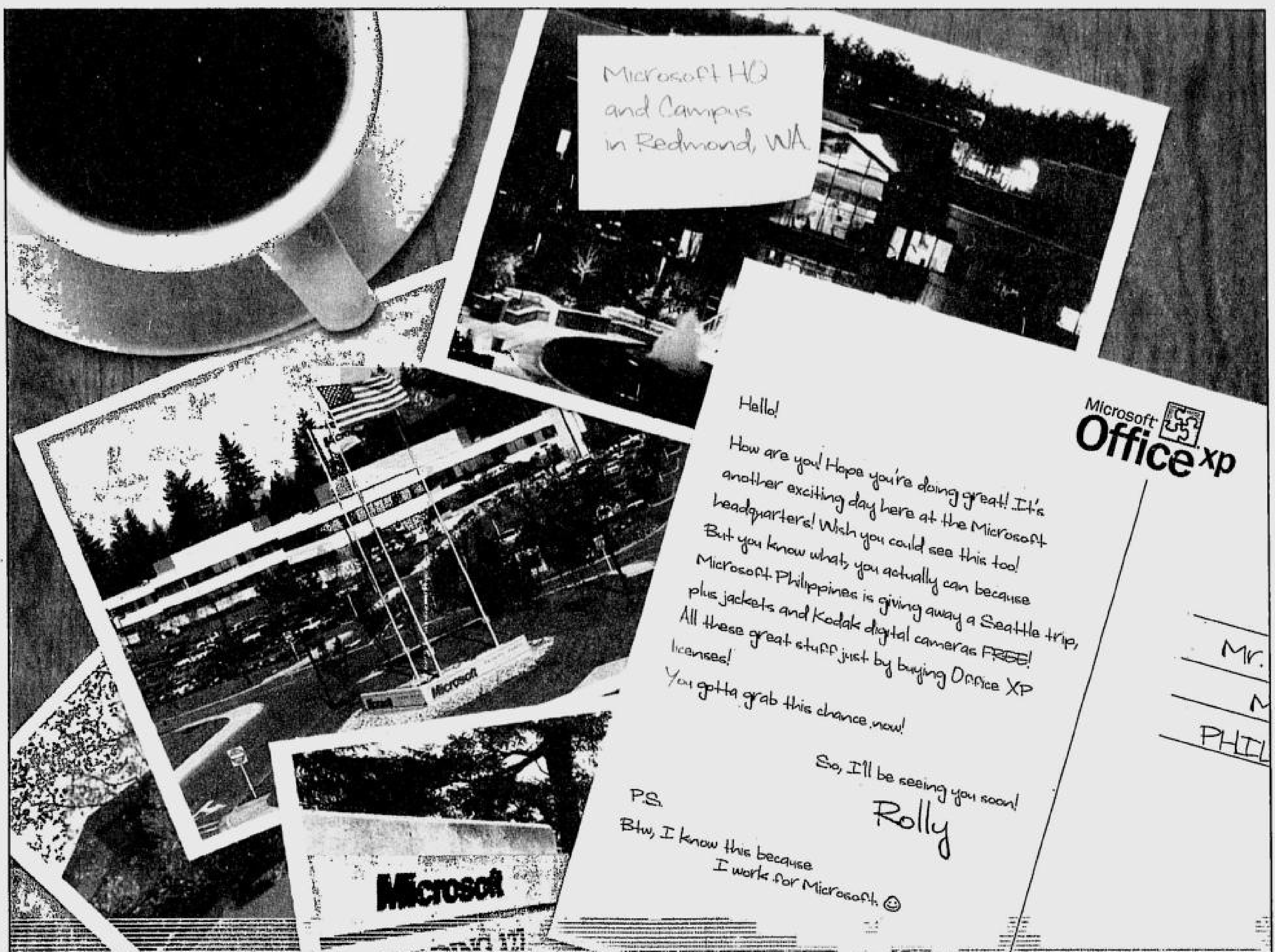
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Boni's fate lies over the ocean

COCKTALES

By Victor C. Agustin

STUNG by the feedback that its original offer had been deemed "bordering on insult," the Ayala consortium last week submitted an improved bid for the majority stake of Metro Pacific in Bonifacio Land.

But the new offer may have lost its fire-sale urgency after Metro Pacific's parent company in Hong Kong announced also last week that it was disposing of its Berli-Jucker business in Thailand.

Expected to raise $125 million by Christmas, the sale of the Thai bottle-maker/trading firm gave its Philippine sister "time and space," according to Metro Pacific chair Manuel V. Pangilinan, to consider other options for the heavily hocked Fort Boni project.

These options could include a repricing/rescheduling of the group's multibillion foreign debt obligations, now that the interest rates worldwide have been pushed down to historic lows.

As well, the Hong Kong parent, First Pacific, announced that it was also considering disposing of its mobile phone venture in India, Escotel, also to help pare down the group's foreign debts, with Metro Pacific accounting for $290 million and PLDT for $3.25 billion, to more comfortable levels.

At the local front, three out of the five interested groups handed in their bids last week to acquire Metro Pacific's First e-Bank lock, stock and barrel. Perennial suitor Bank of Commerce joined Banco de Oro and Asia United in the contest, minus International Exchange Bank and Robinsons Savings Bank.

Going back to The Fort, Ayala's new bid means that Metro Pacific's president, Ricardo Pascua, will continue to go on indefinite leave.

Ayala Land has specifically asked that Pascua be quarantined from the bidding process, after Pascua formally made known that he was leading a management buyout proposal for Metro Pacific.

In lieu of Pascua, a Hong Kong-based numbers guy, Ed Tortoricci (we hope we spelled his name right), has in the meantime been seconded as Metro Pacific's officer-in-charge.

No cherry, this Ong

ROSARIO "Cherry" L. Ong, the president of Bairam Enterprises that has been accused of a P95-million overprice in the repair of the Army's Scorpion tanks, is a woman of multiple addresses.

In financial/banking transactions, Ong, who has skillfully used golf to parlay business with the generals and defense officials, had been using the Windsor Tower in Legaspi Village's Legaspi St. as Bairam's official address.

This despite the PLDT telephone directories from 1999 up to the latest having listed Bairam Enterprises as headquartered at the LPL Tower, also in Legaspi Village.

Yet a new Bairam Enterprises letterhead obtained by *Cocktales* put the BSA Condominium on C. Palanca St., also in Legaspi Village, as the company address.

The C. Palanca address and telephone numbers are, incidentally, the same residential numbers of Ong in the PLDT directory.

If this gets to be confusing, wait until you see the February 2000 incorporation papers of Bairam.

There, Ong placed a Palm Village (Makati) address as residence, while her previous office/residence at the BSA Condominium has now become the home address of one Janice A. Macapagal, an incorporator/director of Bairam.

Which brings the question, if Bairam was incorporated only last year, what legal/corporate personality did Bairam Enterprises use when it won the P201-million Scorpion contract way back in 1996?

According to the grapevine, a partner of Ong, identified only as "Manoling," said to be a high-roller in Las Vegas and Casino Filipino circles, holds the documents that could unravel Bairam's cloak-and-dagger operations.

The P201-million Scorpion contract apparently is but the first of two contracts obtained by Bairam from the military/defense establishment, the second contract being said to be in the vicinity of P500 million.

Contrary to media misimpressions, the whistleblower for the alleged P95-million overpricing actually came from the Army itself, from no less than Brig. Gen. Delfin Lorenzana, chief of the Light Armor Brigade, home of the Scorpion tanks.

Lorenzana used the comparative quotation supplied by Bairam's competitor, Zyrmax Corp. (the trading firm that leaked the papers to the media), to alert Army chief Lt. Gen. Jaime delos Santos about the alleged P95-million discrepancy.

Claiming that the Bairam deal had been already a perfected contract he inherited from the Estrada administration, the Army chief denied his general's petition and proceeded to recommend the purchase of Scorpion spare parts from Ong's company.

Failing to stop the deal at the Army level, Zyrmax then decided to file a complaint at the Ombudsman against Bairam, Ong, and Delos Santos.

Heard through the grapevine

THE OPUS Dei owners of the proposed Paref-Northfield school in Greenmeadows have been using the potential enrolment/scholarships for hundreds of poor students to justify their conversion of a park into a school despite strident opposition from Greenmeadows residents.

What the pious owners of Paref have not been telling the media is that they had been first offered a larger lot in squatter-ridden Novaliches to build the same school, an offer that they rejected in favor of their target upper-class neighborhood, Greenmeadows.

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Lopez firm to get tax breaks in 2004

BY GIL C. CABACUNGAN JR.

THE BOARD of Investments management committee has given the green light to the petition of Manila North Tollways Corp. for a deferment of the Lopez-controlled company's proposal to avail itself of tax breaks from 2001 to 2004.

The proposal was due to the delay in the start of commercial operations of MNTC's multibillion-dollar expansion and rehabilitation of the North Luzon expressway covering a total of 84 kilometers.

The BOI Mancom did not give any reason for endorsing MNTC's appeal because the agency only grants a deferment of the start of the income tax holiday period in cases of force majeure or an unforeseen event beyond its control.

MNTC's project, which was scheduled to start in the first quarter this year, has been delayed because of funding problems. It was only in June this year that MNTC secured a financing package from multilateral lenders. The project, to be undertaken under a build-operate-transfer scheme, was signed and approved in July 1995.

The five international lenders include Asian Development Bank and International Finance Corp. ($45 million each), Export Finance and Insurance Corp. of Australia ($55 million), Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency ($52.5215 million), and Coface ($55 million).

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Business

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its place.

The crocodile farm will become part of the mini-zoo and animal sanctuary and will be one of the major draws of the business park.

Its developers will spend P15 million for the first phase of the mini-zoo, which will entail the relocation of the 300 crocodiles, a large number of which are fully grown. The second phase will be the construction of new amenities housing the variety of animals. F.S. Dizon and Sons owns 60 hectares of the property while the 16 hectares are owned by businessman Dick Togonon.

This is not the first venture between F.S. Dizon and Sons and Sta. Lucia developers as they first collaborated in developing the Rancho Palos Verdes, an all-weather golf course in Barangay Indangan, Mandug, 15 kilometers north of the city.

The construction of the business park came at a time when tourism industry and businessmen have been complaining about the "wait-and-see attitude" of investors due to the perception that Davao City has a peace and order problem.

Dizon said even if the national and the global economy is not very good, the economy of Mindanao is still very strong because it is mostly agriculture-based and has good weather conditions. *Joel B. Escovilla, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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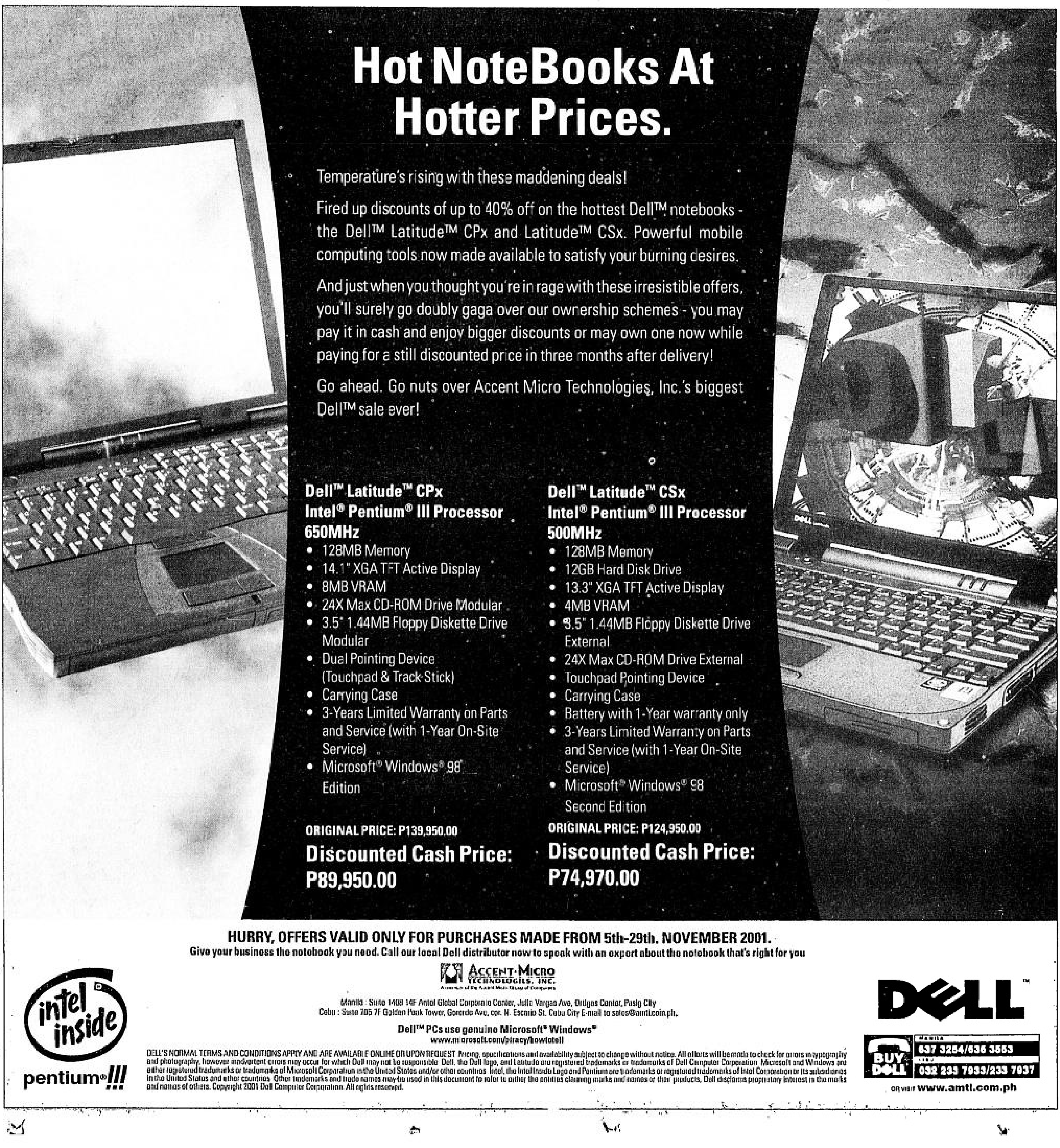

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String of positive news seen lifting local stocks

By Doris C. Dumlao

SOME follow-through buying is expected to prop up the main-share Philippine Stock Exchange index for the third straight week on a string of positive news such as the multibillion-dollar worth of fresh investment pledges from the United States.

MARKET PLAY

The sustainability of the market's rally, however, remains to be tested although among the factors working in its favor include the yearend window-dressing activities or the seasonal Santa Claus factor.

DBC Vickers Ballas associate sales director Eric Sta. Ana said: "The signs are looking good and one catalyst was (President) Gloria (Macapagal-Arroyo)'s trip to the US . . . I think there's still some more room to move up."

Sta. Ana said the daily value turnover, currently at P500 million, would still have to improve to confirm a bullish reversal, but noted that positive momentum was slowly building up.

"New money is coming in but foreign funds are still on a net selling position," he said.

The Phisix gained 5.3 percent to close at 1,088.46 last week, buoyed by a number of factors aside from the President's fruitful business trip to the US. The market also welcomed the fall of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan and the lower-than-expected budget deficit recorded by the national government during the first 10 months of the year.

First Orient Securities trader and head of research Rolando Pineda said the market was slowly regaining the losses incurred since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the US.

"I'd say that about 90 percent of investors then got out of the market. Now, 10-20 percent of those who got out then were starting to look for new opportunities," Pineda said.

"From here on, people will start to look at micro-factors. It's a matter of picking stocks. This is because as of now, the rally is still based on technicals," he said.

Stock market portal 2tradeasia.com said it might not be too late to chase prices at their levels and said opportunities would still arise once stocks correct downward on profit-taking.

"The inertia has been positive and bullish for both financial and property counters, two critical sectors that historically lead the market's ascent. The bottom line is clear that previously ignored markets are back on fund managers' radar screens. Downside risks are limited and more people are looking on the merits of next year's possible positive surprises. Buy on weakness and hold," it said.

2tradeasia.com, which said the market's next resistance was at 1,200, said some of its favored stocks included Petron Corp., First Philippine Holdings, SM Prime Holdings, Ayala Land Inc., San Miguel Corp. "B" and Jollibee Foods Corp.

"Potential trading opportunities may come up in stocks such as Benpres Holdings Corp. and Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. following their corporate restructuring measures," it said.

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SEC issues guidelines on 'high-tech' meetings

Elena R. Torrijos

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Commission last week approved a circular outlining guidelines on how Philippine companies should hold "high-tech" board meetings through the use of teleconferencing and videoconferencing.

SEC circular no. 15 provides that the secretary of the board meeting shall safeguard the integrity of the meeting via tele or videoconferencing, record the proceedings and prepare the minutes and mark and store for safekeeping the tape recordings and/or other electronic recording mechanism as part of the records of the corporation.

All participants should identify themselves for the record at the start of the meeting and before speaking. They must also clearly hear and/or see each other in the course of the meeting.

The secretary must request a repeat of statements that have been garbled or interrupted.

Earlier, the Commission En Banc ruled that the government agency must respond to the exigencies of the times and the technological developments of the 21st century by modifying its previous opinion requiring actual physical presence of directors or trustees during board meetings.

The SEC noted that Sec. 16 of the Electronic Commerce Act provides "no contract shall be denied validity or enforceability on the sole ground that it is in the form of an electronic data message or electronic document or that any or all of the elements required under existing laws for the formation of the contracts is expressed, demonstrated and proved by means of electronic documents."

The Commission said it was of the opinion that the intended benefits of the provision may be made to apply to Sec. 25 of the Corporate Code, which conversely requires the presence of the directors in board meetings.

The SEC emphasized that participation of directors in meetings through teleconferencing and videoconferencing may be deemed acceptably only when adequate safeguards have been accordingly set in place.

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PSE seen to appoint new prexy this week

THE PHILIPPINE Stock Exchange board of governors will choose a new president on Wednesday.

This was the assurance of PSE chair Felipe Yap in a lunch meeting Friday, Securities and Exchange Commission Chair Lilia Bautista told reporters that afternoon.

The SEC earlier told Yap that unless a new president was chosen before Nov. 29 this year, the government agency would itself appoint an acting president for the exchange.

Quoting Yap, Bautista said there were two strong contenders for the PSE post. She declined to identify the two, although she said, "the SEC believes all the prospective candidates will be good for the PSE."

She also said none of the candidates were brokers.

Earlier, PSE's list of candidates reportedly included former Social Security System president Renato Valencia, former Far East Bank and Trust Co. president Octavio Espiritu and former Finance Secretaries Vicente Jayme and Jesus Estanislao.

A broker said that Philippine Deposit Insurance Corp. president Norberto Nazareno was also being considered. Others also believe that PSE non-broker director and former Economic Planning Secretary Cayetano Paderanga was in the running.

The new PSE president would serve the unexpired term of erstwhile PSE president Ramon Garcia ending March next year, and the PSE has committed that the new official would be reelected for a two-year term during the membership meeting to be held in March next year, Bautista said.

The SEC chief disclosed that Yap also made the assurance that before Nov. 29 the exchange would spin off its compliance and surveillance group into a separate company to be chaired by a non-broker director of the exchange.

The PSE board has already approved the spin-off and the exchange should file the incorporation papers this year. Non-broker directors of the PSE board would dominate the board of the new unit, Bautista said.

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BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Bank of the Phil. Islands	50.5	52	50.5	51.5	388,600
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	18.5	18.5	18.25	18.25	443,100
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	180	180	177	180	134,250
Philippine National Bank	48	48.5	48	48.5	111,400
Security Bank Corp.	18	18	18	18	500
Union Bank of the Phil.	13.75	14.5	13.75	14.5	141,100
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
Bankard Inc.	0.95	0.95	0.93	0.93	200,000
First Metro Invest. Corp.	240	240	240	240	100
Manulife Financial Corp.	1310	1330	1310	1315	1,550
Sun Life Financial Serv.	1100	1125	1100	1125	11,640
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	25	25	25	25	23,000
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.33	0.36	0.33	0.34	4,000,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	570	570	570	570	6,140
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	200,000
Liberty Telecoms Holdings	0.47	0.49	0.47	0.49	210,000
Piltel	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	70,000
Phil. Telegraph & Tel. Co.	0.19	0.19	0.18	0.18	140,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	395	400	392.5	392.5	33,010
Ivantage Corp.	0.48	0.5	0.48	0.5	150,000
Philweb.Com Inc.	0.019	0.02	0.019	0.019	251,200,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	23	24.5	23	24.25	48,200
Manila Electric Co. B	28	30.5	28	29.5	3,512,900
Petron Corp.	1.34	1.4	1.32	1.32	14,519,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	200,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1	1	0.88	0.9	730,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	1.54	1.6	1.52	1.54	9,843,000
Construction & Other RelatED PRODUC TS					
AGP Industrial Corp B	3	3	3	3	10,000
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.24	0.25	0.24	0.25	550,000
Republic Glass Hldg. Corp.	1.04	1.42	1.04	1.42	449,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Cosmos Bottling Corp.	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	57,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	11.5	11.75	11.5	11.75	446,100
La Tondena Distillers Inc.	24	24	23.5	23.5	48,600
RFM Corporation	1.94	2	1.94	1.96	1,312,000
San Miguel Corp. A	41	42	41	42	208,300
San Miguel Corp. B	51.5	51.5	51.5	51.5	57,700
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.37	0.54	0.37	0.5	340,000
Abacus Con Res & Hdg B	0.5	0.52	0.5	0.52	20,000
Ayala Corp.	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.7	7,875,000
Alsons Cons. Res. Inc.	0.08	0.08	0.06	0.06	4,900,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	55,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.56	0.6	0.56	0.58	1,420,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	21,000,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	30,000
Balabac Resources & Hldgs	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	20,000
Boulevard Holdings Inc.	0.185	0.22	0.185	0.22	430,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.61	0.64	0.59	0.61	18,500,000
A Brown Company Inc.	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	100,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	600,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	0.14	0.16	0.14	0.15	6,560,000
Ebecom Holdings Inc.	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.085	800,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	0.91	0.99	0.91	0.96	1,550,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	24.25	25.5	24.25	25	406,000
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Ionics Inc.	5.8	6	5.7	6	320,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.42	1.48	1.42	1.48	419,000
Macroasia Corp.	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	100,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.64	0.65	0.63	0.64	3,150,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.29	0.33	0.29	0.31	21,930,000
Music Corp.	0.39	0.42	0.36	0.36	13,050,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	200,000
Unioil Res. & Holdings Co.	0.032	0.033	0.032	0.033	300,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.12	0.12	0.115	0.115	1,050,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.28	0.28	0.26	0.27	2,260,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Picop Resources Inc.	0.0725	0.0725	0.0725	0.0725	100,000
Central Azucar Don Pedro	0.8	0.82	0.8	0.82	400,000
SPI Technologies Inc.	10	10.25	10	10	507,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
Belle Corp.	0.32	0.34	0.32	0.34	190,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	100,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	24.25	24.75	24.25	24.5	1,262,700
Cosmos Bottling Corp.-Pref	11	11	11	11	400
DMCI Holdings Inc- Pref.	530	530	530	530	2,280
Globe Tel. A - Warrants	405	405	405	405	84,000
Jollibee Warrants	11	11	11	11	10,000
Omico Corporation Warrant	0.0012	0.0014	0.0012	0.0012	45,000,000
RFM Corporation - Pref.	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	10,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10	10	10	10	2,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Z	10	10	10	10	1,000
Philweb.Com Inc. -Warrants	0.0055	0.006	0.005	0.0055	557,000,000
OTHERS					
Centro Escolar University	8	8	8	8	7,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	4.85	4.85	4.8	4.8	3,963,000
Araneta Properties Inc.	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	100,000
Cityland Development Corp.	3	3	3	3	1,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	10,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.175	0.2	0.175	0.19	2,370,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.27	0.28	0.27	0.27	1,520,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.22	0.245	0.22	0.235	22,960,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.54	1.62	1.54	1.6	13,180,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	6	6.4	6	6.2	5,182,000
Universal Rightfield Prop	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	1,500,000
MINING					
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	1,000,000
Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.8	51,000
Itogon-Suyoc Mines A	0.021	0.023	0.021	0.021	7,000,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.14	0.145	0.14	0.145	160,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B	0.14	0.145	0.14	0.145	430,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	12,000,000
Omico Corp.	0.0028	0.0028	0.0028	0.0028	35,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	1,400,000
OIL					
Imperial Res.	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	1,500,000
Interport Res.	0.0028	0.0028	0.0028	0.0028	1,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	31,000,000
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The Philodrill Corp. A	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	10,000
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Pacifica	0.014	0.014	0.014	0.014	300,000
South China Resources Inc.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	60,000

	SHARES	VALUE (P)
Banks & Fin Svc	1,432,240	74,906,290.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	1,000,585,330	340,741,280.00
PRO	50,786,000	78,499,720.00
Mining	57,041,000	804,150.00
OIL	44,880,000	172,800.00
GRAND TOTALS :	1,154,724,570	495,124,240.00

	AVERAGES	
Banks & Fin Svc	436.75	UP 7.47
Comm'l & Ind'l	1,506.05	UP 31.21
PRO	490.03	UP 10.06
Mining	957.76	DOWN 7.79
OIL	1.26	DOWN 0.08
All Shares Index	681.49	UP 10.66
Composite	1,088.46	UP 21.40

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Japan	Yen	0.009239	0.008123	0.4222
United Kingdom	Pound	1.609418	1.415000	73.5460
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.146008	0.128370	6.6722
Switzerland	Franc	0.688164	0.605034	31.4472
Canada	Dollar	0.710652	0.624805	32.4749
Singapore	Dollar	0.619497	0.544662	28.3094
Australia	Dollar	0.586893	0.515996	26.8194
Bahrain	Dinar	3.017130	2.652661	137.8747
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.304117	0.267380	13.8973
Brunei	Dollar	0.618151	0.543478	28.2478
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000109	0.000096	0.0050
Thailand	Baht	0.025652	0.022553	1.1722
UAE	Dirham	0.309749	0.272331	14.1547
Korea	Won	0.000895	0.000787	0.0409
Euro	Euro	1.000000	0.879200	45.6973
Germany	Mark	0.511292	0.449528	23.3647
France	Franc	0.152450	0.134033	6.9665
Netherlands	Guilder	0.453781	0.398964	20.7366
Austria	Schilling	0.072673	0.063894	3.3210
Belgium	Franc	0.024790	0.021795	1.1328
Italy	Lire	0.000516	0.000454	0.0236
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STEEL SUPPLY AGREEMENT

Webcor Construction Corp. of the Philippines and Baosteel Group of China seal with a handshake an agreement for the supply of steel for the Philippine market in the presence of President Macapagal-Arroyo and members of the Philippine delegation led by Industry Secretary Mar Roxas, Miguel Varela of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Energy Secretary Vince Perez (partly hidden) and Joey Rufino in their recent trip to Beijing, China. Webcor chair Lorenzo Ku Sr. (second from left) said the accord was a big boost for the local housing sector and the construction industry.

Small oil firms eye cooperation to boost sales

By Ronnel W. Domingo

NEW entrants in the local oil industry are looking into cooperative moves and even possible mergers in the battle for a wider share of the local market.

Glenn Yu, president of Seaoil Petroleum Corp., said last Friday that his firm was in exploratory talks with other new oil firms for a possible sharing of facilities like product terminals.

"We need to engage in cooperative projects like this to survive in the industry," Yu told the Inquirer.

He said such ventures could involve pooling in of resources to develop existing facilities rather than building new ones.

He said he could not disclose which firms were involved in the talks and what areas were targeted for cooperative ventures as it might compromise the outcome of the talks.

"Some of (the new players) may even merge if business conditions dictate," Yu added.

He pointed out that even the oil giants in the international scene were going the way of mergers.

One of the most recent was the merger of Chevron and Texaco, he said.

United States-based Texaco's interests in the Philippines include oil refiner Caltex Philippines Inc. and a 45-percent stake in the Malampaya gas-to-power project.

In a separate interview, Eastern Petroleum Corp. chair Fernando Martinez said his firm aimed to open additional depots in the Visayas and Mindanao.

Martinez told the Inquirer that the areas for the planned expansion cover the cities of Cebu, Iloilo, Davao, General Santos and Cagayan de Oro.

"A number of these plans may be carried out in collaboration with other new players or, if possible, with any of the Big Three," he said.

Aside from Caltex, the Big Three groups Petron Corp. and Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp.

In an earlier report, Martinez said the new entrants were expected to corner about 13 percent of the market by year's end.

He said this was an improvement from last year's overall market share of 10 percent.

He said the neophyte oil firms, which represent a total of 400 service stations nationwide, were also expecting about P200 million in profits this year.

Group lauds seizure of smuggled resins

THE ASSOCIATION of Petrochemical Manufacturers of the Philippines (APMP) lauded yesterday the seizure of 17 containers of smuggled plastic resins totaling more than 300 metric tons.

"This is a welcome development that shows the government is intent on clamping down on resin smuggling. Such activities have severely hurt the local petrochemical industry," APMP chair Wilfredo Paras said.

The seizure was made by the newly formed National Anti-Smuggling Task Force (NASTF) under the National Anti-Crime Commission under the Office of the President last week.

The containers, mostly consigned to Fame Plastic Products, a manufacturing firm operating its own Customs Bonded Warehouse (CBW) in Bulacan, were diverted to the warehouse of Chemvision, a trading firm located in Quezon City.

Paras stressed that the seizure of the technically smuggled plastic resins was a positive sign that the present administration was serious in addressing the problem of resin smuggling.

"Smuggling is one of the biggest, most serious problems of the local petrochemical industry and we are glad the government is doing something to address the problem as evidenced by the action of the NASTF," Paras said.

CBWs are allowed by law to import raw and semi-processed materials duty and tax free as an incentive for legitimate export firms. Some CBWs, however, as in the case of the seized goods, have resorted to the illegal sale of imported plastic resins in the local market, resulting in huge losses for local manufacturers.

As a result of these illegal activities, the government has lost an estimated P572 million a year in revenues, aside from threatening the viability of local firms.

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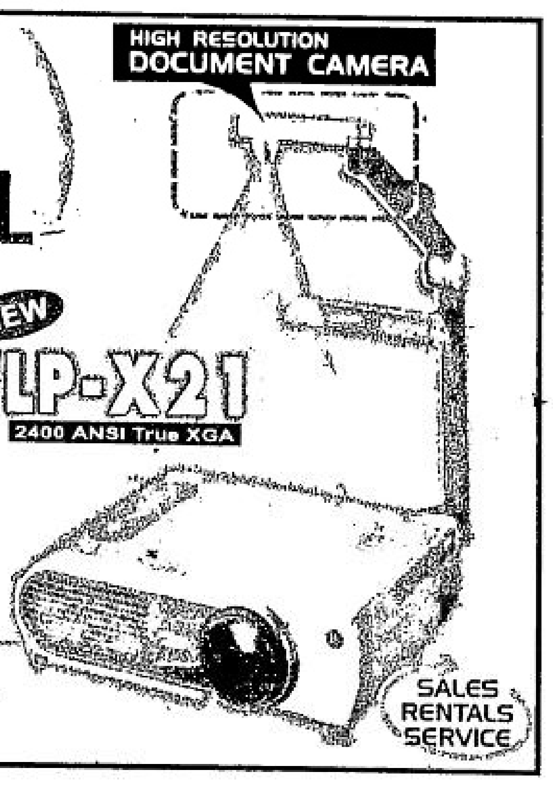

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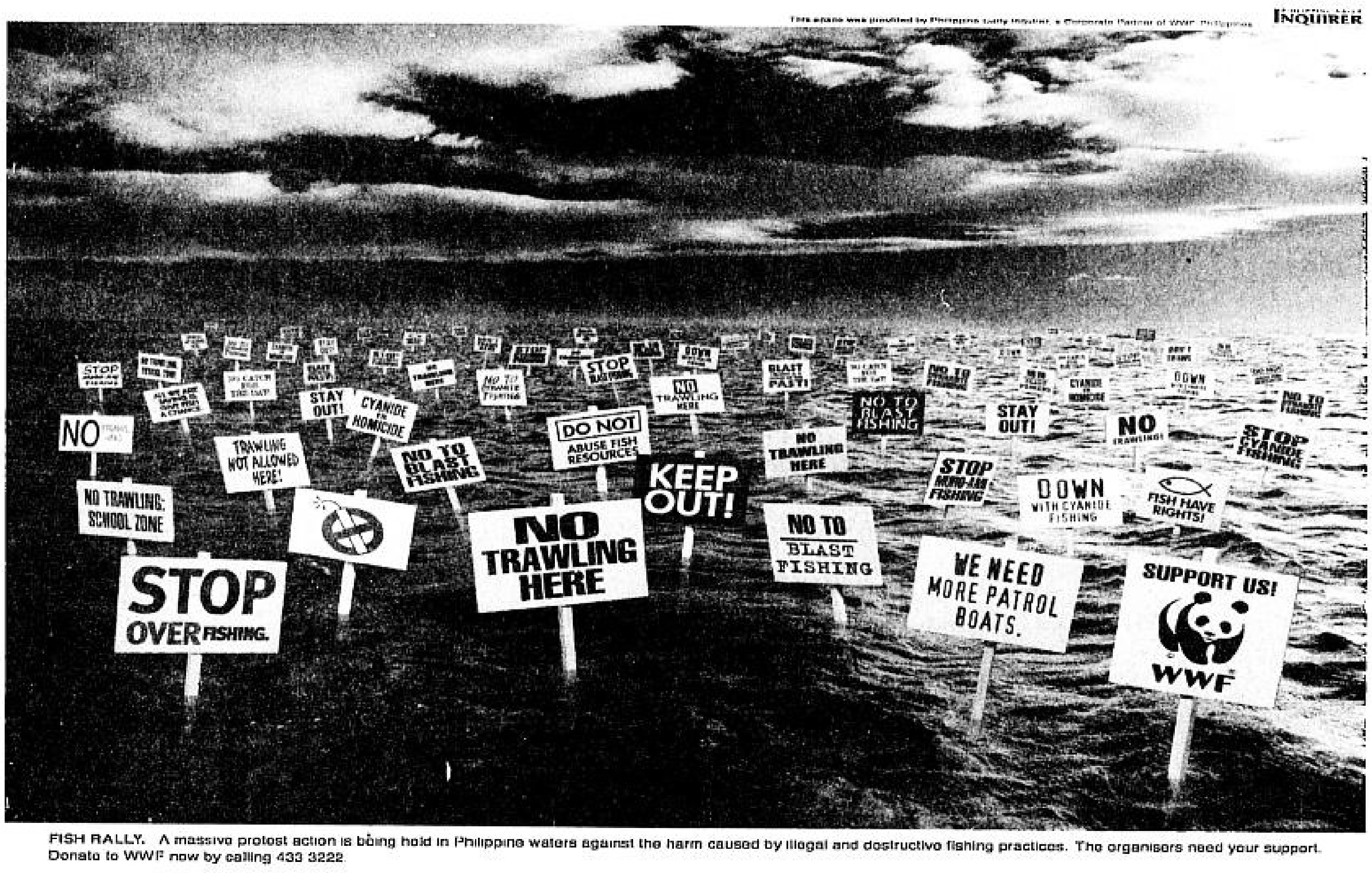

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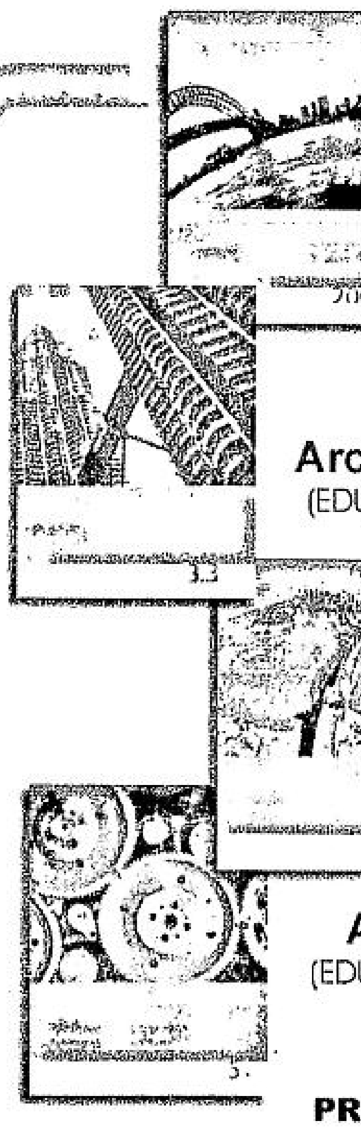

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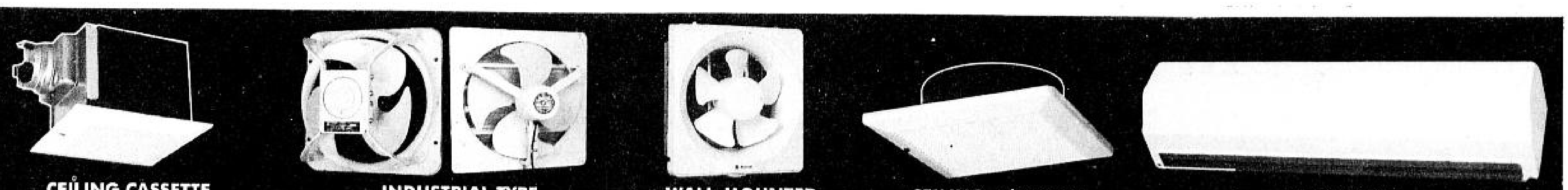

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RP gets poor marks in policy implementation

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE WORLD Bank said that while the Philippines has good laws enforcing good corporate governance, the state agencies do not strictly implement them and local companies do not fully comply with them.

In a speech during the Solidarity Congress on Governance Reforms, Lapanday Holdings Inc. chair Luis P. Lorenzo Jr. said that the Philippines did relatively well as far as laws and regulations were concerned based on a World Bank report but "our marks were not as high in implementation and compliance."

"We were okay in policy but not so in practice. We need to raise our standards particularly for disclosure and transparency; we need to tighten our enforcement mechanisms. We need to close the gap between what our laws provide and what our institutions actually practice," Lorenzo said.

The Philippines was actually among the first economies to submit to a Review of Observance of Standards and Codes in Corporate Governance. The World Bank and the Institute of Corporate Directors led by former Finance Secretary Jesus Estanislao conducted the review which was finalized June this year.

Lorenzo said that state agencies—specifically the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Philippine Stock Exchange, the Department of Finance and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas—must have the political will to enforce the rules.

Businessmen, for their part, should face the challenge of serving as the platform for good governance in the country.

Lorenzo said that if businesses were required to be transparent and to maintain their integrity, the government should also emulate these ideals in their operations.

"The job is not for one organization or one sector to do on its own. Good governance and ethical standards must be a system-wide and nationwide effort," Lorenzo said.

Lorenzo said that corporate governance was not rocket science, "it is simply living up to time-honored principles of honesty, fairness and giving others their due."

"The common good must be the primary concern rather than narrow and familial interests. History has taught us that when banks, government-owned and -controlled corporations, and publicly listed companies operate contrary to the public interest, the consequences may well not be only economic but also moral—a price too high for any nation to pay," Lorenzo said.

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Philips CEO cites RP role in firm's long-term plans

KLEISTERLEE

ROYAL Philips Electronics chair and CEO Gerard Kleisterlee, who was in the country recently for a brief visit, said the Philippines has an important role in Philips' long-term plans for the Asia Pacific region.

As such, Kleisterlee, in a keynote speech during a dinner meeting with government officials and media representatives, said Philips would continue supporting its businesses in the country.

"Our mission is to continually enhance the people's lives through technology and innovation. We know that the Philippines can contribute to this mission," said Kleisterlee.

In the same forum, Kleisterlee talked about the need for the company to continue exploring new markets. "The attention we give to the Asia Pacific region is in line with an extremely sound geographic strategy."

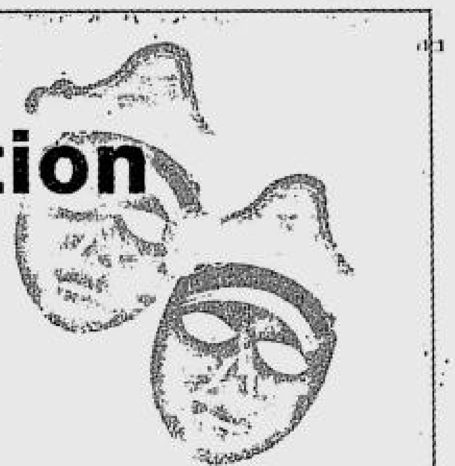
A major investor in the Philippines, Philips has become one of the biggest employment generating company in the country. It also has boosted the country's export revenues.

Its Philippine operations, where key components for the company's businesses are manufactured, serve as Philips' major supply center.

The company currently maintains six business divisions in the country. These are Philips components, Philips consumer electronics, domestic appliances and personal care, Philips lighting, Philips medical systems, and Philips semiconductors.

Besides business opportunities, the presence of Philips in the Philippines has benefited Filipinos in other ways. Kleisterlee praised Philips Philippines for its efforts in keeping the company's corporate commitment "Let's make things better" alive in many projects to help Filipinos. These projects include Philips, Education and People, where Philips Philippines helps build educational centers in selected public school areas.

Philips was recently awarded as one of the best employers in the Philippines in a study conducted by Hewitt Associates, the Asian Wall Street Journal and the Far Eastern Economic Review.



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Philippine Neurological Association
23rd Annual Convention
November 28 - December 1, 2001, Amigo Hotel, Iloilo City

Messages

I am pleased to convey my warmest felicitations to the officers and members of the Philippine Neurological Association (PNA) on their 23rd Annual Convention.

The PNA's laudable efforts through the years have successfully spawned a healthier society for our people. Your organization, composed of experts in the field of neurology, has consistently stood at the forefront of addressing important issues affecting this field of medicine. It has also substantially contributed to the continued health improvement of millions of Filipinos so that they can become productive members of society.

This year's convention with the theme, "*The Practice of Neurology...The Other Essentials,*" reminds us of the many challenges that confront Filipino neurologists in this era of modernization. Breakthroughs in technology have made it easier for people suffering from neurological disorders to access quality preventive health care and have helped bring forth a much healthier Filipino society. I am sure this affair will create opportunities for Filipino doctors, especially those specializing in the field of neurology, to further their achievements in this era of modernization and global competition.

Our administration recognizes the vital role Filipino doctors play in safeguarding the health of our people. We stand to prosper as a people and as a country if every Filipino is given access to quality health care. I enjoin your organization to help in the noble objective of producing a healthy Filipino citizenry so that the task of giving more opportunities to our people can be realized.

I wish this event every possible success and urge your members to contribute to our goal of producing healthier and more productive Filipino.

MABUHAY!

GMArroyo
GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President, Republic of the Philippines

My warmest greetings to the officers and members of the Philippine Neurological Association on the occasion of your 23rd Annual Convention.

Globally, about one percent of the population is affected with severe mental and neurological disorders while another four to five percent suffers from mild to moderate neurological problems. In 1980, a collaborative WHO study on mental health involving the Philippines and six other countries shows that in three urban health centers in a district. In Manila, about 17 percent of adults and 16 percent of children who came for consultation have mental disorders.

These data give us an idea of the magnitude of mental health problems, including neurological illnesses, in our country. The collective response of both private and government sectors to this lingering malady is long ovedue.

It is for this reason that I appreciate your organization's initiative to gather neurology practitioners together in a convention wherein measures to address this growing public health concern will be discussed. Your theme, "*The Practice of Neurology...The Other Essentials,*" expresses the need to fill the gaps in ensuring a seamless flow of health services across the spectrum of care.

Together, let us synergize our efforts towrds providing accessible, affordable and quality healthcare. Let this convention likewise be an occasion to renew our commitment to serve our countrymen for a healthier, more productive citizenry.

Congratulations and Mabuhay!

MANUEL M. DAYRIT, MD, MSc
Secretary of Health

Our heartfelt and warm greetings to all the fellows, guest and participants to the Philippine Neurological Association's 23rd Annual Convention.

For this years meeting, the organizing committee has decided to be innovative in the crafting of the scientific activities as it chooses to address a totally different focus in the practice of neurology. Thus, the creative idea of having this year's theme "*The Practice of Neurology.The Other Essentials*" was conceptualized.
I enjoin you to participate actively and learn what you can from the various scientific fora.

Most of all, imbibe in the genteel charm and hospitality of the city that is Iloilo, as we exclusively celebrate the "*Dinagyang Festival*" during our first evening's fellowship. Maraming Salamat Po!

ALEJANDRO C. BAROQUE II
2001 PNA President

Dear PNA Fellows and Delegates:

In behalf of the dedicated and very cooperative working committee of Iloilo and Manila, I would like to welcome you all to the 23rd PNA annual convention. We hope that our year long preparation would meet your standards and expectations and come out with a very productive meeting and a very memorable stay in the smiling city of Iloilo. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to be of service and with the same spirit coming, I encourage all fellows to join us in saying in the romantic Iloilo tone ... "Kung para sa PNA, SUPORTAHAN TA KA !!"

ARTEMIO A. ROXAS, JR., MD, FPNA
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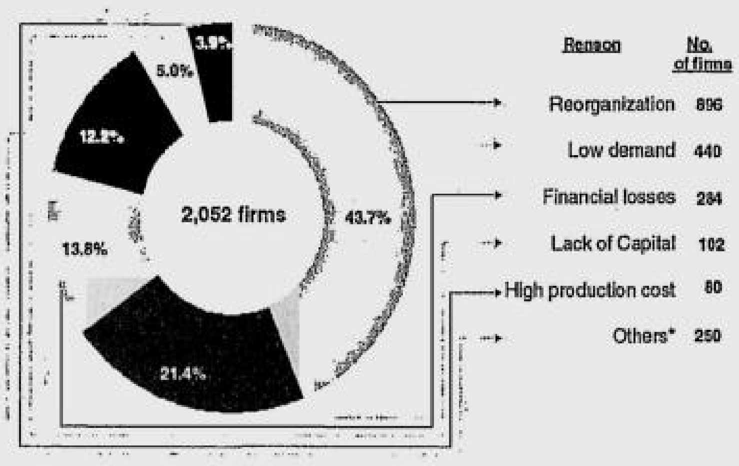
(January to September 2001)



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Source: Bureau of Labor and Employment Statistics

THE NUMBER of companies that either closed shop or retrenched workers at the end of the third quarter rose by 16.2 percent to 2,052 from last year's 1,766. Of the 421 companies that ceased operations, 32 percent cited low demand as reason for closing shop. Over 50-percent of the firms retrenched workers because they reorganized or downsized. Displaced workers reached 32,599.

Maricar D. Tolosa, PDI Research

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT rate is expected to decline by the end of this year as retrenched workers from manufacturing companies find jobs in the agriculture and services sectors.

But Employers Confederation of the Philippines president Donald Dee warned that the forced migration of labor to lower value-added jobs could have a negative long-term impact on the economy.

Ecop expects the unemployment rate to ease down to 10.8 percent by year-end from 13 percent at the start of the year. The unemployment rate swelled mainly due to estimated 43,000 manufacturing jobs (mainly in the slumping electronic exports industry) that were cut down since the start of the year as industries struggled with rising costs and weak consumer demand. They accounted for roughly 1.5 percent of the 3-million strong wage earners in the country.

"The good news is most of them found work in the agriculture and service sectors that continue to be resilient in these sluggish times. The bad news is these workers would put their skills to waste because the agriculture and services sectors add little value to their end products," Dee said.

Ecop estimated that the manufacturing sector currently accounts for a third of total employment in the country. Previously, one of two jobs in the country was in the manufacturing sector.

Dee said that this trend, if left unchecked, could have dire implications on the country's competitiveness against neighboring countries especially with the Asean Free Trade Area just a couple of years from its start of implementation.

Dee said that due to the weakening knees of the manufacturing sector, businessmen have clamored for delays in wage hikes, a moratorium on the distressed firms' debt payments, more access to cheaper financing, and bigger government spending in the domestic sector to perk up local demand.

The government has urged manufacturing industries to focus on the domestic market to weather through the global crisis that has plagued the country's major markets—US and Japan.

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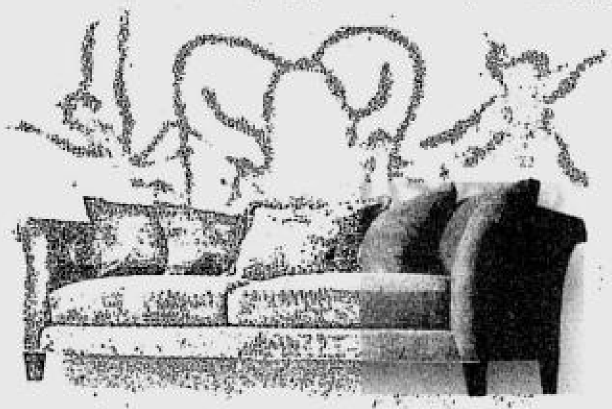

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STI plans to go public next year

By Abigail L. Ho

SYSTEMS Technology Institute announced on Friday that it would sell some 200 million to 250 million shares through an initial public offering in the second or third quarter of next year.

"This would provide two advantages to our shareholders. It could serve as an exit mechanism, and it could also raise funds in the market for specific projects," STI chair Eusebio Tanco said in a news briefing.

He said STI had yet to decide on how much its shares should be worth, as it was still discussing details of its IPO with its financial adviser, ATR-Kim Eng Securities Inc.

Tanco told reporters STI would issue shares equivalent to 20 to 25 percent of its P1-billion capital stock.

Proceeds of the offering will be used to finance STI's expansion programs here and abroad, he said.

STI is hoping to expand to eight countries, including Vietnam, China, Bangladesh, Indonesia and Japan, by the end of next year, STI president and chief executive Chito Salazar said. It already has campuses in Hong Kong, Taiwan and Singapore.

Tanco said expanding abroad would be a good way for STI "to earn in currencies other than peso."

Salazar said the company's goal was for half of its revenues to be dollar-based within the next five years. He admitted, however, that STI needed a large amount of capital to venture abroad.

"We need capital to expand internationally. We want to replicate STI Philippines in other countries as well as develop STI Online and our systems development company, STIsys," he said.

STI has earmarked some P150 million for domestic expansion, Salazar said. He said the company was looking at roughly the same amount for its overseas expansion plans.

Salazar said that apart from internally generated funds and proceeds of its IPO, STI was also holding talks with companies in countries where it was planning to put up campuses.

Tanco disclosed that STI was already in talks with one of the world's leading software providers, Computer Associates, for a possible partnership.

STI is specifically looking into ways that Computer Associates can help it put up schools in China, Vietnam and Thailand, he said.

"We're currently having exploratory talks with Computer Associates for the nature of the partnership," he said.

Tanco said companies abroad had already expressed interest in acquiring stakes in STI.

"These will be passive investors that may acquire a 10- to 20-percent stake in the company, but there's still a lot that we can do to bring up the value of the company," he said.

RP to get $500M in IFC financing

By Doris C. Dumlao

INTERNATIONAL Finance Corp., the investment arm of the World Bank, is committed to provide $350 million to $500 million in fresh financing package to the Philippines under its medium-term country assistance strategy (CAS).

A high-ranking source from the World Bank said the CAS portfolio for the Philippines consisted of 15 major development projects.

Of the total amount of financing, $330 million is expected to be approved for disbursement by end-2002.

The source said the new assistance package from the IFC would likely include the agency's possible involvement in asset management companies (AMCs) to help strengthen the local financial system.

Earlier, Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Dante Canlas, who led a team of economic managers during the consultations last week on the World Bank's CAS for the Philippines, said the creation of an AMC was among the possible new areas for assistance under study.

For his part, Canlas presented to the World Bank group the components of the Macapagal administration's medium-term development plan. The IFC presented a lineup of projects or activities for private sector support in the years 2002 to 2005.

Aside from extending assistance in setting up AMCs, the source said the IFC had also committed to help local government units in getting wider access to the capital markets. At present, the source said the lack of a credit rating mechanism for LGUs made it difficult for them to float bonds and become more self-reliant in raising funds for crucial development projects.

The package will also continue to include funds for infrastructure development in the form of official development assistance to the national government.

The source also said portion of the financial assistance would be earmarked for urban development.

Another area being studied is further development of information technology education in the country.

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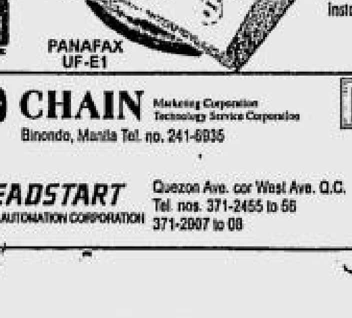

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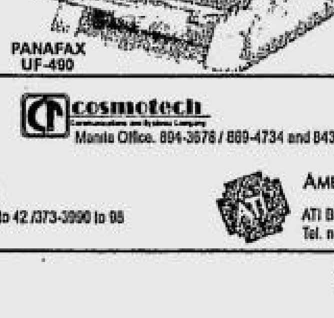

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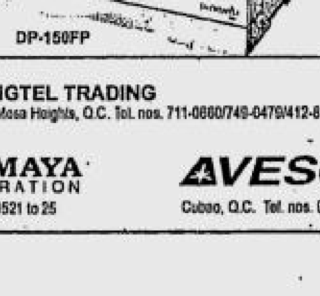

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PREFERRED INVESTMENTS

DOF, DTI give up proposed bigger tax breaks

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE DEPARTMENTS of Finance and Trade have agreed to junk plans of the previous administration to push for a bill in Congress granting preferred investment projects a 12-year income tax holiday.

But the two agencies have yet to iron out their differences over a number of issues on incentives.

A consolidated position on tax incentives is one of the two legislative agenda that the government will push in Congress in the near-term.

It will be discussed thoroughly in the forthcoming national summit. The other is the proposed adjustment in the excise taxes on beer and tobacco products.

The economic managers of the Macapagal administration will also lobby for a shift in the tax system from the existing income tax system to a gross modified scheme.

Proposed by the administration of ousted President Joseph Estrada to encourage more foreign investors to locate in the Philippines, the 12-year income tax holiday was meant to be the centerpiece of the planned amendments to the Omnibus Investment Code.

Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho had said before he left for the US to accompany President Macapagal-Arroyo that he would discuss the outstanding issues on incentives with Trade Secretary Mar Roxas II. He said he was hoping to come up with a compromise with the DTI on the remaining points of disagreement.

The unified position is being discussed by an interagency task force chaired by the National Economic and Development Authority with the DOF, the DTI, the budget department and the Philippine Economic Zone Authority as members.

The DOF and the DTI have agreed to let the Board of Investments continue providing six-year income tax holidays to preferred investment activities in Metro Manila and eight-year tax break to priority projects in the provinces. However, their positions differ on the basis that will be used in the granting of these perks.

The finance group wanted to limit the granting of income tax perks only to companies with significant local value-added. The trade department, for its part, wants to use as basis in the granting of these incentives the level of employment that the projects will generate.

Another source of disagreement, said a finance official, was a proposal of the DOF to include in the annual budget a tax incentive expenditure provision. This, according to the official, will allow the government to track down how much revenue is lost yearly due to investment incentives and to determine if the government has been granting incentives excessively.

The DOF said the government was losing as much as P128 billion yearly because of incentives provided by the BOI, the Peza and the special economic zones such as Subic and Clark.

The trade department, however, argued that tax perks were necessary to woo investors into doing business in the country. It said that the supposed revenues would not be realized anyway if no investors would locate in the country.

The DTI, said a finance official, had also proposed the granting of incentives even to companies servicing the domestic market. However, the DOF, DBM, Neda and Peza strongly opposed the DTI proposal.

Customs slaps fine on cement importer

THE BUREAU of Customs recently ordered TCC Cement Corp. to pay a fine for underdeclaring the volume of its cement shipments.

Official documents showed that the customs bureau recently fined TCC Phils. P2.19 million for underdeclaring the quantity of some of its shipments from April to June this year. The shipments came from TCC Phils.' parent company, Taiwan Cement Corp., and were brought into the country through the Manila International Container Port.

Initial reports from the BOC also found instances of duplicate and tampered import entries filed by TCC Phils. The Customs specifically noted several instances when TCC Phils. used one invoice for two import entries. Some entries were filed without the mandatory bill of lading, while several others contained erasures on invoices and other import documents.

The matter has been referred to the office of Deputy Commissioner Rey Allas of the Intelligence and Enforcement Group for further investigation.

In a related development, the BOC is also investigating another importer, the Cebu-based Stanphil Industries Inc., for allegedly filing tampered invoices for certain cement shipments brought in through the Bacolod and Iloilo ports.

According to the bureau, Stanphil, in one instance, declared the taxable value of a cement shipment at US$108,120, or way below the $289,000 taxable value indicated in its commercial invoice. For this shipment alone, the discrepancy of $180,000 resulted in foregone government revenues of roughly P1.2 million.

The BOC earlier noted several cases of undervaluation involving at least three cement importers, which had declared the value of their shipments at prices lower than the prevailing import prices of cement. This prompted the bureau to order the recall of a number of import entries submitted by these importers for a closer "reassessment."

Another method that some importers were found to have used is the misclassification of the cement they bring into the country where their cement imports were declared as another product that falls under a lower tariff bracket. While not as widespread as the other methods, there are fears that the practice of misclassification may become rampant, now that the government has imposed a P20.60 tariff per bag of imported cement.

There are no official figures yet as to the revenue losses being incurred by the government due to the undervaluation and underdeclaration of certain cement shipments by some importers. Tax experts however have placed the foregone revenues at a range of P105-P175 million, based on the 3.5 million tons of cement that had been imported into the country since 1999.

The BOC has been closely watching incidents of undervaluation and underdeclaration in line with Customs Commissioner Titus Villanueva's campaign to minimize technical and outright smuggling at the country's various ports and airports.

Tariff hike on corn substitutes sought

By Christine A. Gaylican

THE DEPARTMENT of Agriculture will push for increases in the tariffs on imported corn substitutes to protect domestic corn farmers from unfair competition posed by cheaper imported substitutes.

Corn and its substitutes such as sorghum, wheat, barley and rye are used in the manufacturing of livestock and poultry feeds.

While corn imports are slapped with higher duties of 35 percent to 65 percent, corn substitutes enjoy lower tariffs ranging from 3 percent to 15 percent.

Montemayor said the big tariff differential encouraged the importation and the use of corn substitutes as feed ingredients at the expense of local corn farmers.

"We have to discuss this further but my position is for the increase in the tariffs on corn substitutes," Montemayor said early last week.

The Ramos administration cut the tariffs on corn substitutes to help meat producers to lower their cost of production. Montemayor, however, said this was no longer necessary since prices of meat products have remained high despite the availability of cheaper corn substitutes.

In a related development, the government is set to review, for possible restructuring, the tariffs slapped on sensitive agricultural products, including rice, corn, sugar, live swine and poultry.

Tariff Commission Chair Edgardo Abon said agricultural products were the only remaining commodities that were not covered by specific tariff restructuring timetable under the Asean Free Trade Area and the World Trade Organization.

The Cabinet-level Tariff and Related Matters consisting of the Department of Trade and Industry and National Economic and Development Authority will determine the tariff schedule of these agricultural products.

The committee earlier agreed to slow down the pace of trade liberalization to enable local manufacturers to build their strengths in time for fiercer competition in 2004.

The Cabinet-level Tariff and Related Matters agreed last week to maintain tariffs on petrochemicals and automotive parts at current levels up to the year 2004 while other industries were allowed to keep their present duties up to next year.

As a member of the World Trade Organization, the Philippines is compelled to extend MFN treatment to its fellow members. This means that if a country would lower its tariffs to one trading partner, the same treatment should be available to all the other WTO member-countries.

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BSP allows banks to sell subsidiaries' products

BY CLARISSA S. BATINO

THE BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas will issue shortly a circular that will finally allow banks to sell the products of its subsidiaries such as insurance, promissory notes and trust accounts in their branches.

Banks have long been convincing the policy-making Monetary Board of the BSP to allow their branches to sell the products of their subsidiaries. The BSP, however, had put off this measure in view of the heavy withdrawals experienced by some banks and investment houses arising from a string of investment pre-termination last year.

BSP Deputy Governor Alberto Reyes said the circular would require banks to tell its clients that the products they were selling were not deposit substitutes and, therefore, not covered by the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corp.

Reyes said the BSP's move was in line with Section 20 of the General Banking Law of 2000 which provides that "a bank may, subject to the board approval, use any of its branches as outlets for the presentation and sales of the financial products of its allied undertaking or of its investment house units."

Section 20 of the general banking law also requires banks to take full responsibility for all businesses conducted in their respective branches and offices.

China's entry to WTO seen as threat to RP

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet—The economic threat arising from China's entry to the World Trade Organization (WTO) must be the bipartisan congressional agenda of the opposition and the Macapagal administration, Senators Edgardo Angara and Teresa Aquino-Oreta said here Saturday.

From Benguet, the senators went to Clark Special Economic Zone in Pampanga to discuss China's trade impact on Asian economies, including the Philippines, in a meeting set by Senate President Franklin Drilon.

Oreta said the meeting could generate a legislative priority direction that is acceptable to both administrative and opposition senators, but which could eventually affect Malacañang's trade and foreign policies and next year's budget measure.

She said the budget—which addresses a global anti-terrorism campaign—was too focused on the military and might have neglected "pump priming measures required to survive the coming global economic storm."

"Already, it seems to me that the House bill is too (militaristic) . . . I see a bias towards the military . . . because it increased by a lump sum the military's budget by 29 percent, while education got a measly 6-percent increase in (the House version of the P780-billion General Appropriations bill for 2002)," she said.

Angara said administration senators should brace for the worst from China's WTO involvement because that country's labor costs, its cheap commercial inputs and its resources allowed it to flood most countries with commodities that are cheaper than Philippine exports.

He said the international terrorism scare paled in comparison to China's effect on Asian and Filipino trade because it could also rival domestic markets like Benguet's vegetable industry.

"But China could also be a good thing because it opens to the country a new market for its fruits and its services. As that country progresses, it will look for quality rather than quantity and (Philippine) fruits and vegetables are very good. It's a matter of being properly prepared," Angara told the INQUIRER. *Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Manila hosts Apec furniture confab

THE BREAKTHROUGHS and critical factors affecting the trade and export of furniture of Apec Developing Economies will be discussed at the forthcoming Apec Furniture Symposium which starts today up to Nov. 27 at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel.

Jose Leo P. Caparas, president of the Chamber of Furniture Industries of the Philippines (CFIP), said the symposium was jointly organized by the Furniture Industry Board Foundation and the Board of Investments. It is funded by the TILF Special Account for the Apec Central Fund.

The activities are being organized and managed in cooperation with authorities from the host country, the Philippines.

The symposium, Caparas said, aims to provide SMEs in the industry with first-hand information on the problems of the sector and offer practical measures that will lead to higher investments and growth in their respective economies. It also hopes to enable the participating economies to learn industry methods adopted by developed economies which can be used as models to achieve breakthroughs in their business operations.

In the same forum, particular attention will be given to forging stronger partnerships between government and the industry throughout Apec, creating an Apec-wide cross-sectoral network whose experience and counsel can be drawn upon by developing member-countries, Caparas added.

Country reports on Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand will be presented during the two-day event. Local and international experts will discuss various topics such as "The Global Furniture Industry Outlook"; "The Strategic Business Options Under Global Recession"; Information and Technology: Opportunities and Threats for the Furniture Industry (E-Commerce)"; "Eco-Labeling; Issues and Concerns"; and "International Labor Practices for Globalization," among others.

GDP grew . . .

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percent, both year on year.

Economists forecast minimal economic growth in the fourth quarter due to the continuing decline in exports.

The Philippines' merchandise exports dropped an annual 14.1 percent in the January-September period as slow demand from the United States hit key electronics exports.

"We see a quarter-on-quarter contraction for the fourth quarter," said David Cohen, head of research of MMS/S&P, who expressed doubts on whether the Philippines could achieve its GDP growth target of 3.3 percent for 2001.

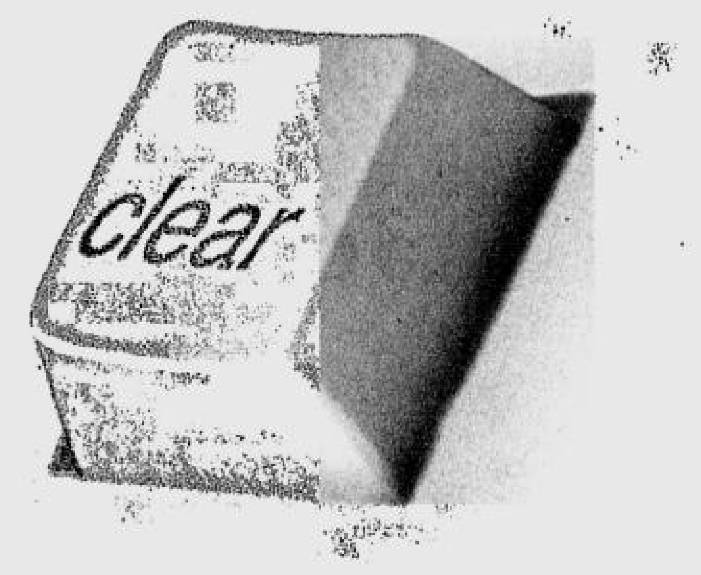
"We still find it difficult how that will be accomplished (given) the severe downturn in exports," Cohen said.

GK Goh's Song said dollar remittances of overseas Filipino workers might probably be lower this Christmas season considering job cuts overseas.

"Quarter-on-quarter, seasonally adjusted GDP growth in the fourth quarter would probably be at 1.0 percent," Song said.

"We're still seeing growth extended in the fourth quarter. But a great deal depends on the migrant workers and with the job losses occurring, dollar remittances might be slower this time. Going forward, a lot depends on global prospects," he said.

Some 7.5 million Filipinos work abroad and remittances come in at about $6 billion per year, peaking around Christmas. *Christine A. Gaylican and Reuters*



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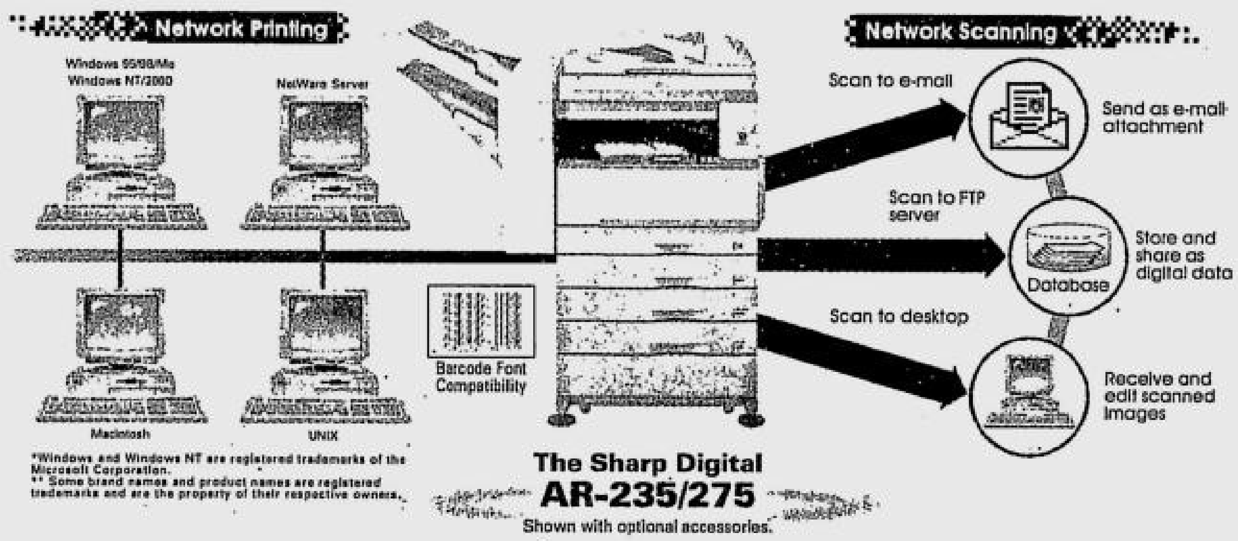

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Time to buy US stocks? History says, 'Yes'

NEW YORK—Forget the outlook for profits and the economy. It's time to buy stocks—at least from a historical perspective.

An investor buying by Nov. 1, then selling on April 30 is almost guaranteed to make money without even blinking, the soothsayers say.

The Stock Trader's Almanac notes the Dow Jones industrial average has gained a total of 9,471.26 points in the last 50 years in the months of November through April.

Gains in the other six months—May through October—totaled just 850.94 points over the same 50-year span.

Need a little more convincing?

Since 1971, the Nasdaq composite index has gained an average 3.4 percent for the months of November through April, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index has climbed 3.3 percent, according to BigTrends.com, a Kentucky-based research firm.

That compares with an average gain of 0.3 percent in the Nasdaq composite for the May-through-October period, and a rise of 0.5 percent for the S&P 500 during those six months.

On the surface, the numbers make a convincing case that it's easy to buy an index and fall asleep at the investment wheel.

"Sure enough, historical data says you would have gained more over time with this strategy than if you had stayed invested," says Eugene Profit, portfolio manager with Profit Investment Management LLC, in Silver Spring, Maryland, which oversees $78 million. "But it's all easy in hindsight.

Scratching a little deeper, indeed, shows that nothing is a sure bet. As Profit says, using a time-worn phrase known to mutual fund investors who read the small print, "Past performance is no guarantee for the future."

While an investor would have earned 47 percent on his money buying the Nasdaq composite in November 1990 and selling in April 1991, or 24 percent buying the S&P 500, there have also been some spectacular deviations from the supposed rule.

The most recent was the six months ended April 30, 2001, when the Nasdaq slumped 37.2 percent and the S&P 500 fell 12.6 percent.

The indexes experienced similar drops in the six-month periods that ended April 30 in 1973, 1974, 1982 and 1990.

So why would an investor take the plunge on a trading strategy that relies on ignoring the market for other than two days a year?

"It's not whether you believe it or not," said Fred Kuehndorf, portfolio manager with Ashland Management Inc., which oversees $2 billion in assets. "It's statistically true."

To be sure, though, Kuehndorf does not recommend investors trade stocks based on a perceived seasonal move, either. At the least, such a strategy ignores issues like capital gains that incur taxes, he says.

It also relies on having the willpower not to change strategies, but instead to make the same trades year after year—something that most investors find psychologically difficult, given that the market's day-to-day gyrations receive maximum media exposure.

"In times of rallies and declines, people change their allocations," Kuehndorf said. "No one would really stick to this over 60 years."

Professional money managers say with the economy teetering on the brink of the official definition of recession—two quarters of contracting economic output—it's just plain dangerous to invest with one broad-based strategy. *Reuters*

Formal announcement of US recession seen likely this week

WASHINGTON—A leading economic researcher with access to federal fiscal data is expected to announce Monday that the US economy is in recession, US media reported Saturday.

On the heels of a less-than-explosive start to the holiday shopping season, ushering in a month of sales expected to be less than 3 percent greater than 2000, the National Bureau of Economic Research was expected Monday to state that the recession began in March and was compounded by Sept. 11 suicide attacks.

Around 4,000 people were killed when four commercial aircraft were hijacked and crashed into US targets, which led to US military action against suspected terrorist leaders in Afghanistan, and the ruling Taliban who sheltered them.

Basing its conclusions on a significant decline in industrial production, employment, real income and wholesale-retail trade, the NBER differs in its analysis of the economy from the conventional wisdom that a recession is produced by two consecutive quarters of negative economic growth.

According to figures released by the US Department of Commerce, US economic growth entered negative territory in the third quarter of 2001, shedding 0.4 percent over the second quarter, which grew 0.3 percent. The US gross national product was up 1.3 percent in the first quarter of 2001.

The downturn brings to an end 10 years of unparalleled economic expansion—the longest since the end of World War II.

The NBER, founded in 1920, is headed by Martin Feldstein, a chief of the council of national economic advisers during the administration of former President Ronald Reagan. *AFP*

US shoppers mob malls, chase discounts

NEW YORK—Shoppers mobbed US malls Friday, chasing deep discounts offered by retailers desperate to salvage the holiday selling season from the grip of economic gloom, layoffs and the attacks of Sept. 11.

Traditionally one of the busiest shopping days of the year, the Friday after Thanksgiving is typically the start of the holiday shopping season. But, with discounts that are normally reserved for post-Christmas sales, retailers may be purchasing volume this year at the expense of fourth-quarter profits.

Even so, crowds of shoppers at shopping malls in predawn hours of Friday were larger than in past years, according to some shoppers, and continued to grow steadily throughout the day as people looked for bargains on hot toys and other goodies for the holidays.

The better-than-expected turnout, despite forecasts for holiday gloom, sent US retail stocks higher. The Standard & Poor's retail index rose almost 14 points, or 1.6 percent, to close at 894.05.

"All in all, I'm pretty encouraged by what I see here," said Jackie Fernandez, a retail analyst out watching the action at the Glendale Galleria mall, one of the largest shopping malls in southern California.

"It would seem to me that people are out looking for bargains right now and willing to shop as long as the price is right," Fernandez, a partner with Deloitte & Touche's consumer business practice, said.

Many industry watchers had said this year would be the worst holiday in recent history for retailers, as the fear of recession, continued job cuts, and increased personal debt prompts many shoppers to spend less than in previous years.

Declining confidence after the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington, widespread layoffs and the recent spate of anthrax scares are all seen by consumers as reasons to hold down spending.

Ted Clinnin, a shopper at Chicago's popular State Street shopping district, said he expected to spend less money this year because of the volatile stock market and job insecurity.

"You don't know what's going to happen around the corner," Clinnin said. "Getting into debt isn't the smart thing to do."

Traditionally called "Black Friday" because shopkeepers used to mark their books in black ink to show a profit, the day after Thanksgiving is the one retailers look forward to most.

But, this year, US households are expected to spend an average of $462 on gifts this Christmas, down from last year's projected average expenditure of $490, according to a survey conducted by The Conference Board, a private research firm.

The battle between the discounter and off-price department stores is expected to continue this holiday season, as price-conscious consumers opt to shop the budget route and department stores and specialty retailers rush to mark down prices in order to lure shoppers back into their stores.

The fear that follows, however, is that increased markdowns by retailers will further pinch gross margins and ultimately hurt the bottom line, making for more dismal fourth-quarter earnings results.

Even from the consumer standpoint, bigger markdowns and promotions could make for slimmer selections later on in the season, as many retailers have curbed their inventories in light of the slowing economy.

Ellyn Longacre said she ventured out to the Mill Stream Factory Shops in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, more out of tradition than necessity, and ended up spending about $1,000 with her mother and two sisters.

Still, while she had intended to buy sheets and towels from the Polo Ralph Lauren outlet store, the lines were so long and the stores so crowded, she ended up abandoning her purchase.

Afterward she conceded that anyone she didn't buy a gift for on Friday would likely end up with a gift certificate.

"I don't know that I have that kind of spirit to go out like I did in years past," Longacre said.

In previous years, toy retailers quickly ran out of the most popular games and toys, drawing the anger of consumers who were forced to wait until after the holidays to buy what they wanted for their family. *Reuters*

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Asia faces new debt restructuring woes

SINGAPORE—Deteriorating global economic conditions will worsen the debt woes of emerging economies in Asia and other regions, the Economist Intelligence Unit said in a report.

The EIU predicted the global economy would remain weak going into next year, forcing emerging economies to restructure their debts to avoid defaults.

"Developments in the global economy will influence the risk of further debt restructuring in emerging markets in the short term," it said.

"Heavily leveraged private companies in Asia and Latin America will struggle to cope with the adverse conditions and could easily be forced to restructure to avoid default."

Argentina will probably require further reorganization of its public debt to ease its repayment schedule over the medium term, the report said.

"Of the other large emerging sovereigns, Turkey and Indonesia are likely to need some restructuring of sovereign debt in 2002-03, in addition to current programs, if default is to be avoided."

Indonesia, one of the worst affected by the 1997-98 regional financial crisis in Asia, is planning to ask its creditor-states belonging to the Paris Club to convert old debt into grants in a bid to reduce its foreign debt.

"The announcement in early November of a program to restructure up to $95 billion of Argentina's $140-billion public debt has focused attention on the risk of lending to emerging markets," the EIU said.

While Argentina's case is an exceptional one, its proposed debt reorganization is just the latest example of a growing trend of public debt restructuring in emerging markets, the EIU said.

Ukraine, Pakistan, Nigeria, Ecuador and Indonesia, among others, have all engaged in debt restructuring programs with official or private creditors in recent years, it noted.

"Indeed, the 21 debt restructuring deals negotiated under the auspices of the Paris Club in 2000 was the highest number since 1989 at the height of the Latin American debt crisis," the EIU said.

A total of 14 deals have been concluded in 2001 to date, the latest being Indonesia's rescheduling of $2.8 billion of bilateral debt in September.

It commented that while pre-emptive restructuring like Argentina's is a negative development for creditors, it can have several benefits for the debtor's credit position.

Pre-emptive restructuring can bring clarity to the payments process, indicate a desire on the part of the debt to remain current on its obligations, force the debtor to adopt prudent policies and allow the debtor to avoid a painful devaluation. *AFP*

Japan's bad loans disposal to top $52B by March 2002

TOKYO—Japan's banks will increase bad loan disposals to at least $52 billion and ax more than 20,000 jobs in the industry in a bid to speed up their restructuring drive, newspapers said Sunday.

Japan's top 14 banks are now expected to write off at least 6.5 trillion yen for the year to March 2002, up from its earlier estimate of 1.87 trillion yen, the Mainichi Shimbun said.

The total could swell to 7 trillion yen as some banks are still considering further raising bad loan disposals, the major daily said.

Most banks are expected to announce their plan to write off bad debts for the fiscal year this week, when they will announce their interim earnings.

All of Japan's 14 banks, except Mitsubishi Tokyo Financial Group Inc. and Sumitomo Trust and Banking Co. Ltd., will sink into the red for the fiscal year as a result, the newspaper said.

Mizuho financial group and its rival, UFJ Holdings Inc:, plan to write off some 2 trillion yen each, according to the daily, adding that MTFG's bad loan write-off is estimated at 500 billion yen.

Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp. has already announced a plan to wipe 1 trillion yen in bad debts from its balance sheets by March 2002, up from an earlier 400-billion yen target.

The planned disposals also came ahead of a special inspection of financial institutions by the Financial Services Agency.

Total bad loans to bankrupt companies held by Japan's 15 banks stood at 18 trillion yen by mid-July, according to the FSA.

The Sankei Shimbun said Japan's big four financial groups—Mizuho, SMBC, UFJ Holdings and MTFG—would cut a total of 23,000 jobs over the next five years.

News reports said last week that Mizuho, the world's biggest banking group, planned to slash 10,000 jobs, or nearly 30 percent of its workforce, in five years, while MTFG would cut 4,000 jobs to 19,000 by March 2005.

On Thursday, UFJ announced its group net loss in the first half to Sept. 30 came to 67.4 billion yen on revenue of 1,638.7 billion yen. No comparable year-on-year results were given.

UFJ disposed of 323.5 billion yen in bad loans for the period in a bid to improve its balance sheets under a government drive to clean up the ailing financial system cited as a root cause of Japan's economic woes.

Sumitomo Mitsui Banking also announced last week that it expected to lose 150 billion yen in the year to March 2002, reversing an earlier estimate of 180 billion yen in net profit.

The world's second largest financial group said it would cut 4,900 jobs in three years from a total workforce of 27,500. Previously, the troubled bank aimed to slash 4,300 staff by 2004.

Bank of Japan governor Masaru Hayami said Wednesday it might become necessary to pump public funds into troubled Japanese banks again if they failed to prop themselves up while disposing of huge bad loans. *AFP*

Oil cartel pressures non-Opec to make cuts

ALGIERS—Opec president Chakib Khelil said Saturday that the oil cartel was continuing talks with non-Opec producers hoping to convince them to cut oil production in order to stabilize prices.

"We are continuing to talk with non-Opec producers to convince them that a joint effort is needed to stabilize prices," said Khelil, current head of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and Algerian energy minister.

"We hope to come to an agreement before Jan. 1," he told the official Algeria Press Service news agency.

Non-Opec producers such as Mexico, Russia, and Norway "must also participate in the effort to stabilize oil prices," he said.

Norway has said it is ready to slash output by 100,000 to 200,000 barrels a day if other producers agree to output curbs, while Mexico has committed itself to a reduction of 100,000 barrels a day.

Russia, the world's second largest oil exporter, said Friday it would cut production by 50,000 barrels a day in the fourth quarter, a 20,000 barrel increase from its last proposed cut of 30,000.

But Russia's pledge has been dismissed by Opec and traders alike as merely symbolic.

Opec last week agreed to reduce its production by 1.5 million barrels a day on condition that non-Opec members cut output by 500,000 barrels a day. *AFP*

Nokia seeks to win over Wall St.

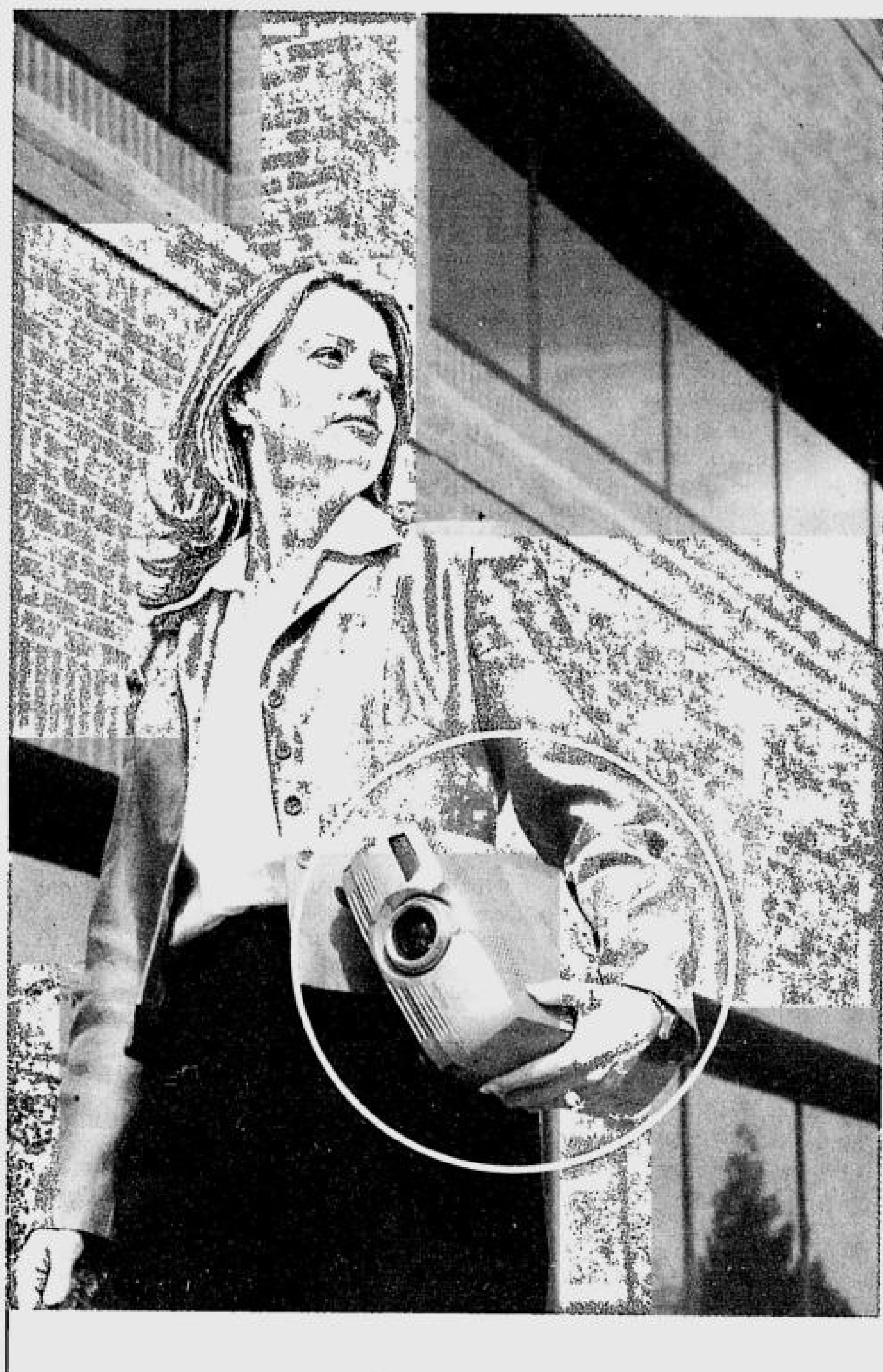
NEW YORK/HELSINKI—Nokia, the world's top maker of mobile phones, will seek US investor backing this week for the company's push into newer software and programming businesses as a way to sustain its heady growth.

Speaking at the company's much anticipated annual investor briefing in New York, Nokia chief executive Jorma Ollila, the leader credited with moving the Finnish company onto the global stage over the past decade, was expected to deliver an upbeat message that would build on a spate of positive product and strategy news.

Nokia, which has emerged over the last three years as one of the world's top technology brands as well as widely held stocks, is looking to reassure global markets that its move beyond mobile phone and networks manufacturing can pay off.

But while Ollila has a history of wowing investors at such presentations, analysts and fund managers are voicing caution on Nokia shares, which have nearly doubled from recent lows hit before Sept. 11, limiting chances of further near-term gains.

Ollila is expected to discuss the company's move into licensing of its highly protected mobile phone software to rivals, part of a drive to spur on the slow-to-develop mobile Internet market and jumpstart a new cycle of industry growth. *Reuters*



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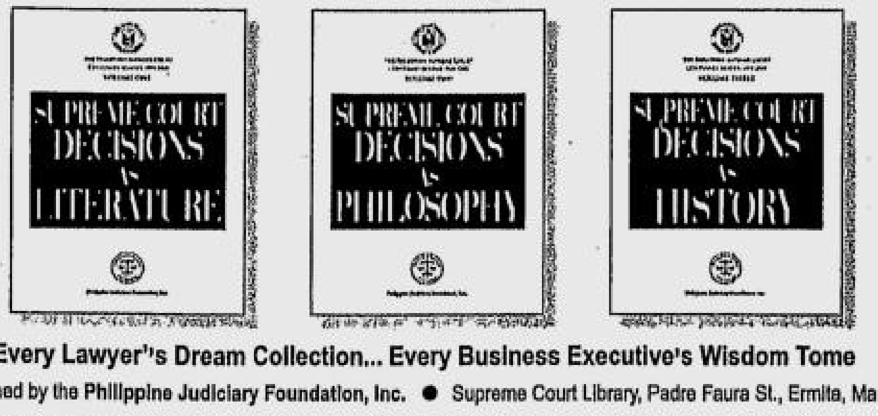

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CMMA, Pana declare PLDT NDD ad victorious

THE PLDT National Direct Dialing (NDD) advertising campaign "Victory," more popularly known to Filipino audiences as "Suportahan *ta ka*" has lived up to its name by beating four other finalists in the Best TV Ad-Branded category of the 2001 Catholic Mass Media Awards (CMMA). "Victory" has also been cited by the Philippine Association of National Advertisers (Pana) as the values Ad of the Month for August.

The commercial features the telephone conversation between a college student pursuing medical studies in Manila to please his doctor-father in Jaro, Iloilo. The dutiful son wants to shift to the fine arts that he really wants, and is shown imploring for this father's understanding. The student's trepidation and anxiety proved unfounded when his father expresses support for his son's decision. Through PLDT's National Direct Dialing (NDD) service, the father's comforting words met the son's respectful and heartfelt explanation. In 30 seconds, the ad paid tribute to the time-honored Filipino value of respect for individuality in the contemporary family, honesty and reverence for the opinion of parents.

Through advertising, PLDT continues to support the Filipino family by bringing to homes across the country vivid images that promote the Filipino values of love for family and the celebration of life. Ace Saatchi & Saatchi, the country's "hothouse for world-changing ideas", developed "Victory" for PLDT.

THE SENATOR AND THE AMBASSADOR

Senator Loren Legarda with Ambassador Alfonso Yuchengco (extreme right) in front of the Spirit of Edsa Monument at the Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza, Makati following the senator's speech during the AY Foundation Nation Discipline Awards. With them are (from left): Yuchengco Group of Companies PR counselor Virgilio Pantaleon and corporate vice chair Cesar Virata.

IBM WELCOMES NEW INFORMIX EMPLOYEES

Jack Hamill (left), IBM Philippines president and chief executive officer and Anna Maria Roqueza (right), IBM Philippines human resources manager, recently led company officials in welcoming the IBM Informix database product team composed of Teddy D. Tiu (middle), country sales manager, and Albert Ambuyo (second from right), technical consultant. Both Tiu and Ambuyo will report to Victor Silivino, IBM Philippines country software manager (second from left), and will be responsible for Informix database product sales and support to its customers in the Philippines which count among the country's top 500 corporations. IBM's acquisition of Informix last April for $1 billion has consequently doubled the size of IBM's distributed database business worldwide, a key strategic priority for the company.

CEREMONIAL TOAST

WG&A chief operating officer Mike Camahort (second from right) and Kimberly-Clark Philippines Inc. (K-CPI) senior vice president Leonilo Alfonso (second from left) share a toast with fellow officers in front of the symbolic mock-up ship carrying K-CPI products onboard SuperFerry12 at Pier 4, Manila. The two companies, leaders in their respective industries, forged a partnership for the fast and efficient delivery of K-CPI products. WG&A SuperFerry12 will carry shipments of Kimberly-Clark products such as Huggies and Kimbies Diapers, Joy, Scott, Empress and Kleenex tissues, and Kotex and Newtex pads and liners to various parts of Visayas and Mindanao. Also shown are (from extreme left) WG&A vice president for sales and marketing Norissa Ridgwell and K-CPI consumer sales director Apollo Dionglay.

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Shell Tabangao sign new CBA

PILIPINAS Shell Petroleum Corp.'s Tabangao refinery management and the Tabangao Shell Refinery Employees Association (Tasrea) signed a collective bargaining agreement (CBA) for three years effective May 1, 2002.

Pilipinas Shell vice president for manufacturing Rico Bersamin described the negotiations and the subsequent CBA agreement as signifying the "excellent working relation" between the two parties. He added that the CBA signing its vital for Shell Tabangao's goal of becoming best in class among Shell refineries in the region.

Tasrea president Toby de Mesa called the CBA negotiations as a "good faith bargaining" and said that the final agreement allowed both parties a victory "not against each other but against the inherent conflicting interests of labor and management."

The final version of the CBA was forged after four months of negotiations and was ratified by a majority vote of the Tasrea membership last Sept. 6 and 7. The Shell union secured an 8-percent salary increase spread over three years plus a new performance-related bonus scheme based on an agreed set of indicators.

Both Tasrea and Shell agreed that the negotiations were conducted in a reasonable, professional and cordial manner, thus preserving the industrial peace in the refinery.

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Open house at WorldPrep

PREPARATION for the World Ahead (WorldPrep),a pre-school for children six years old and below, is holding an open house every Saturday from 1:30 to 4 in the afternoon.

WorldPrep is located at 149 B. Gonzales Street in Loyola Heights, Quezon City, within walking distance from Miriam College and Ateneo de Manila University and a mere 10-minute drive from the University of the Philippines in Dililiman.

It is administered by the same management team behind the highly successful Ahead Tutorial and Review Center.

The open house will feature various children's activities such as games, art lessons, and story-telling sessions, with each day to feature a different activity. Parents, meanwhile will have the chance to see WorldPrep's facilities and consult with the school administration.

WorldPrep implements a curriculum based on the four pillars of education, as identified by Unesco's International Commission on Education for the 21st Century. These pillars are learning to know, learning to do, learning to live together, and learning to be.

The curriculum basically prepares a child for a world where he will have to keep on learning while getting along with people of different cultures and backgrounds. It is premised on the idea that the ability to learn and to keep on learning is the only way to survive and prosper in an uncertain future, given the rapid pace at which change is taking place in the world.

A major feature of the WorldPrep curriculum is an introduction to Mandarin, designed to prepare students for admission to business-oriented schools. Air-conditioned classrooms, modern computer facilities, and a school-in-a-park environment are other features that make pre-school education at WorldPrep an enriching and enjoyable experience.

Interested parties may call 920-4492, Monday to Saturday, for more information.

DUSIT'S THIEN DUONG OPENS

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An MOA signing was held between Bantayog ng mga Bayani Foundation, represented by its executive director Dr. Quintin S. Doromal (left) and chair Jovito R. Salonga (second from left), and Cut Unlimited Inc. event organizers represented by its president Mayose G. Bautista (second from right) and marketing and promo director Agnes P. Angeles (right). The Noel Christmas Bazaars part 1 was held October and will happen again on Dec. 15 and 16 (part 2) at the Manila Polo Club. Christmas@2001 Shop Expo is scheduled on Dec. 1 and 2 at the World Trade Center. All events are for the benefit of the Bantayog ng mga Bayani Foundation. Interested parties can call 371-7398, 373-3601 local 216; telefax 371-7405 or e-mail eventsonly@edsamail.com.ph.

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This year's top two winners of AstraZeneca's nationwide Christmas card-making contest will also bag for their school the IBM Young Explorer fun and learning computer center. This consists of an IBM PC in child-friendly furniture by Little Tikes, award-winning software from Edmark, and early childhood teacher training by EduQuest. The contest is open to all elementary students in the country. The donation was signed recently by (seated, from left) Richard P. Burgos, IBM communications manager; Ramon Y. Dimacali, IBM chair; Edgardo C. Liamzon, vice chair of AstraZeneca community foundation; Romeo S. Sy, AstraZeneca vice president for multicare and business development. Witnessing the signing were (standing, from left) Milanie Arcilla, IBM communications coordinator; Ruby Palma, AstraZeneca HR; Ma. Carmen A. Gutierrez, AstraZeneca HR manager director, and Adonis A. Samatra, AstraZeneca product promotions manager for multicare.

Continental to open new Newark concourse

CONTINENTAL'S new concourse in Newark

NEW YORK—Despite the damages and shocks brought about by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States, particularly New York City, the Global Gateway Project at the Newark International Airport worth more than $1.4 billion proceeded as scheduled.

The project is jointly undertaken by Continental Airlines and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. It aims to improve the entire airport facility to enhance customer convenience and expand passenger capacity to 23 million by 2003.

The project, launched in 1998, is being implemented in phases so as not to disrupt current Continental flight operations.

Global Gateway Project redesigns the configuration of its Terminal C, expands the facilities at Terminal A and augments the capacity at Continental's cargo and support facilities in the airport.

Continental Airlines said it would open an all-new concourse (Concourse C3) at this airport in the first week of December. The concourse is the centerpiece of the $1.4-billion improvements to New York area's premier airport and only airline hub.

The opening of the new concourse follows the Port Authority's recent inauguration of direct train service between mid-town Manhattan and the airport—the only such rail service available to a New York City area airport.

The comprehensive expansion of Terminal C-Continental's main terminal at Newark includes the construction of 19 new gates, raising the terminal's total gates to by 49 percent to 58.

The construction of 12 gates will be completed this month for activation in early December. The remaining gates will be opened at a later date.

Concourse C-3 features wide walkways and large, comfortable seating areas, offering customers natural light from skylight along the length of the structure. Concessions on Concourse C-3 will include brand names such as DKNY, Kenneth Cole, Borders Express and a Brooklyn Brewery Jazz Bar.

Continental's international arrivals at Terminal B will be augmented by new international arrival capacity at the new C-3 concourse. An elevated, glassed-in walkway will lead arriving travelers to a new customs and immigrations building scheduled for completion by early 2002.

Connecting Terminal C's three concourses is a new, curved corridor with towering window-walls overlooking the terminal operations area. Located between Concourses C-2 and C-3 is the entrance to Continental's largest Presidents Club Lounge.

Previously a traditional two-level facility for departing passengers (upper level) and arriving passengers (lower level), Terminal C's main structure has been converted to three levels:

Upper-Level Departures: To be used mainly for international check-in; formerly handled all check-in.

Mid-level Departures: To be used mainly for domestic check-in; formerly the baggage claim level.

Lower-level arrivals: New space houses nine bag carousels and facilities for ground transportation for all arriving passengers. *With a report from Corrie S. Narisma*

Cell phone gaming no trivial pursuit in China

SHANGHAI—Asking customers which of Marilyn Monroe's co-stars said kissing her was akin to kissing Hitler might seem like an odd way for a high-tech company to generate money. But mobile phone gaming is no trivial pursuit in China.

Wireless service provider Linktone, the market leader for phone games in the country, launched the text message-based Intelligence Quotient Quiz—featuring the Monroe question—in April.

But even Linktone's managers were surprised by the runaway success of the trivia game, which has generated growth rates for the firm of over 2000 percent a month.

Perhaps due to Chinese Confucian culture and its emphasis on education, the game was not just a success with the original target group of white-collar workers but also working class phone owners with only a high school education.

Satisfied customers include one shopkeeper in south China's Guangdong province who spent 16 solid hours playing the quiz on his phone.

"That product took us through the roof because everybody wants to feel smart," said Jeremy Li, Linktone's chief marketing officer.

Linktone originally began life as a wireless application protocol service provider, bringing customers the Internet via mobiles.

But despite the initial hype, WAP services bellyflopped in China because data transmission was so slow.

"What people were expecting, what they were promised, was the Internet over their phone, and what they were delivered was something much less than that," Li explained.

Then Linktone struck gold with the technologically humble short-messaging service, for which mobile customers were already used to paying when text messaging friends.

This established habit paved the way for dozens of Internet portals to focus their attention on the SMS format, one that generates piles of hard cash.

There now are around 100 Chinese SMS-service providers, including the country's biggest Internet portals, Netease, Sina.com and Sohu.com, which transmit content to mobile customers by text message.

It is now so widespread that Chinese customers are expected to send more than 10 billion messages this year.

SMS generates revenue for content providers because customers are levied a flat fee per message, collected by the mobile service providers such as China Mobile or China Unicom, with some of this passed on.

Linktone led the way in SMS gaming, and it has turned out to be the firm's biggest money-spinner.

"Gaming and entertainment in general is our highest growth area. Our entertainment products are what drive our business." said Li.

The IQQ quiz proved so popular that Linktone now offers niche versions including sport, Chinese culture, and even Shanghai general knowledge. It has also spawned a host of copycat trivia games as other SMS firms scurry to get in on the act.

Linktone additionally offers other SMS games that range from digital "pets" and role-playing adventure games to the traditional rock-paper-scissors pursuit, a standard drinking game in bars and restaurants across the country.

The revenue also gives a shot in the arm to China's tiny software development industry, badly affected by rampant piracy.

The country has no major software houses, because Chinese people refuse to pay in full for software when they can buy pirated versions of games from street peddlers for a fraction of the official price.

But wireless gaming differs from the PC and console gaming sectors in one crucial respect—it does not depend on the game's consumers for direct revenue.

In China, game developers are either paid licensing fees by handset manufacturers for embedded games, or they are paid by mobile networks every time someone plays one of their games.

MagusSoft is an example of what China's game developers are capable of when they are properly compensated for their work. *AFP*

Singapore Airlines in uncharted territory

SINGAPORE—High-flying Singapore Airlines Ltd. now finds itself in unfamiliar territory after interim profits nosedived as a result of a global aviation slowdown aggravated by the terrorism crisis.

SIA net profits plunged by 88.2 percent year-on-year to S$134.8 million ($73.3 million) for the half-year ended September and the once unthinkable prospect of a full-year loss is on the horizon.

Analysts said SIA, one of the most highly reputed airlines in the world, will be hard-pressed to deliver profits to its shareholders in the fiscal year to March 2002, a feat it has never failed to accomplish since listing on the local stock exchange in 1985.

"Since their listing, this is the first time they are staring at the possibility of going into the red," Chew Li May, an analyst at French brokerage Indosuez WI Carr, told AFP.

Unlike the 1997-98 regional crisis which affected mainly Asia, the airline now also has to contend with the repercussions of the September terror attacks in the United States and global travel slump, Chew said.

"This time round, it's not just the recession at home," she said, referring to forecasts that Singapore's gross domestic product would shrink 3 percent this year, from 9.9-percent growth in 2000.

"We are also looking at a global recession and the added fear of flying because of the September attacks," said Chew.

She predicted that SIA would post a net loss in the current fiscal year of around S$40 million, compared with a net profit of S$1.55 billion in the previous year.

Andrew Tan, aviation analyst at ABN Amro Securities, also had an equally bleak prognosis for SIA's profits but stressed the woes surrounding the company were beyond its immediate control.

"The outlook for the next six months is going to be one of the toughest ever in the airlines' history," he said.

"It is an industry downturn, not a company problem. There is no question about the quality of the company,", said Tan.

Last month, SIA admitted its perfect record was in danger after announcing the sharp drop in interim earnings.

"These are the most difficult conditions that the SIA Group has ever had to face, and maintaining its loss-free record this year will be a challenge," the carrier said, warning that worse was in store as a result of the terrorist strikes against the United States. *AFP*

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MESSAGES

MY ESTEEMED greetings to the officers and members of the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Picpa) as you hold your 55th Picpa Annual National Convention.

The theme of this year's gathering "Fast Track Drive to the Future," exemplifies the urgency of the need for our local industries and professionals to keep pace and up-to-date on the latest developments and trends in their respective fields. This will enable us to position ourselves to gain better benefit from the developments that are fast altering the business and socio-economic landscape all around the world.

Though faced with uncertainties and challenges, both at the domestic and international front, we must carry on with careful and pragmatic actions in order to maintain normalcy and sustain our pursuit for genuine progress. With this in mind, I hope that this gathering will unify your ranks to broaden the role of the accounting profession in the growth of business. May it also strengthen our partnership in implementing my administration's development programs and reaffirm your commitment to excellence.

Have a meaningful convention and a fruitful year ahead of you. Mabuhay!

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President
Republic of the Philippines

I AM PROUD to welcome the delegates of the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Picpa) National Convention to Pampanga.

As an influential personality in the community, the Certified Public Accountant is a trusted and respected leader whose opinion counts among our people.

Ours is a new day in the country—with the Macapagal administration paving the way for a new opportunity to rebuild and transform the nation.

In your convention, let us not lose sight of the fact that the Picpa plays a vital role in nation building. In your own way, individually as professionals and collectively as a single voice of the CPAs, you can help rebuild our country that had been ravaged by crime, corruption, and loss of moral values.

That the CPA plays a vital moral force in shaping society is evident in how the profession works in money matters, in transactions, deals and contracts.

This is my appeal to you as you meet to tackle the agenda of the accounting profession. I wish you success and a happy stay at Clark and Pampanga during your visit. Mabuhay!

MANUEL M. LAPID
Governor
Pampanga

THE PROFESSIONAL Regulation Commission extends its warmest felicitations to the Philippine Institute of Public Accountants, the national organization and PRC accredited professional organization of certified public accountants, on the occasion of the Grand 55th Picpa Annual National Convention on November 26-30, 2001.

The theme for this annual convention, "Fast Track Drive to the Future," certainly manifests your forward-looking commitment to set out the right competencies and capabilities that are vital tools in the new economy. In this age where global competitiveness is the only benchmark for survival and success in the accountancy profession, it is but fitting to adhere to the core value of excellence in professional practice.

Truly, the Picpa over the years has sustained its mission of nurturing the accountancy sector to professional excellence through its pro-active response to changes and dynamic leadership. Indeed, it has succeeded in promoting the professional development of its members.

I trust that this convention will revive the old bond of friendship among accounting professionals and ignite in you the same passion for excellence.

Congratulations and Mabuhay!

ANTONIETA FORTUNA-IBE
Commission Chairperson
Professional Regulation Commission

MAY I EXTEND my warmest greetings to the officers and members of the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Picpa) on the occasion of its 2001 Annual Convention.

"CPAs on the Fast Track: Towards a Vital Role in the New Economy and Beyond" is indeed the most appropriate way to characterize the individuals behind the accounting profession at the threshold of fast-paced, worldwide development. This is a period wherein urgency is mandatory. We must redirect our goals and refocus our objectives towards continuous integrity and trust-based service, laden with means to maintain competitiveness with new models of management. We must have vigilance and commitment in keeping up to date with the latest of these developments and technological advancements and we should fully utilize them in the search of value-based strategies for the improvement of our professional services. May I request Picpa to take full responsibility in raising the level of awareness of all its members of this dynamic environment and lead the Filipino accountants ahead in this competitive world.

Once, again, please accept my best wishes for a successful, enjoyable and fulfilling convention.

EUGENE T. MATEO
Acting Chair
Board of Accountancy

IT IS WITH distinct pleasure and pride that I welcome you, colleagues and peers in the profession, on the occasion of this grand 55th Annual National Convention of the Philippine Institute of Public Accountants. It is my firm belief that every time we gather like this is proof that we CPAs are relentless in our pursuit to improve the profession and ourselves. And this year's convention theme "Fast Track Drive to the Future" reiterates our commitment to evolve and be attuned to the needs and demands of the times. And with the New Economy now a reality, we must fine tune our skills and competencies in order to stay relevant and competitive in this altered business landscape.

The Filipino CPA has the capacity to perform and compete in this global market place. But first, indeed, we must equip ourselves with the right tools, and mindset.

Thus on behalf of the officers and members of Picpa, I welcome each and every one of you to this event.

Allow me to also take this opportunity to enjoin all of you to continuously and collectively pull together for the development of a world-class Filipino accounting professional.

Mabuhay tayong lahat!

JOSE A. GANGAN
President
PICPA

AS WE CELEBRATE this year's Grand 55th Annual Convention, we also stand in the midst of a maelstrom of change and challenges that impact in our profession. The theme "Fast Track Drive to the Future" connotes the proactive stance our profession has taken now in the age of the New Economy.

The certified public accountant, as a complete professional in the international business community, must necessarily be updated in the skills required by today's business world. To rest on our laurels and remain complacent in our current situation would mean losing out on the great opportunities that are before us.

Let us be firm in the resolve to become one of the engines that would propel our country to greater economic growth and development. Let us face up to the challenge of becoming a major player and a world-class professional in the global marketplace. Together, we can do it.

DANILO A. PRINCIPE
Convention Chairman

Fast track drive to the future

WITH THE THEME, "Fast Track Drive To the Future," the convention, which would be a gathering of the accounting profession's influential players, proponents and practitioners, will feature more than 20 resource persons from the government, the business sector, public practice and the academe who will share their insights and knowledge on the role and relevance of the accounting profession in the country's efforts to thrive in the new economy.

The world is at the maelstrom of change. Indeed, the very landscape where business and economies are made has altered dramatically as we now live in the era of globalization and liberalization. Can the Philippines thrive in this new environment, one wonders.

But a more sage question would be: What must be done to make the Philippines globally competitive?

This, together with other relevant questions and topics such as microfinance, e-commerce, knowledge management, supply chain management and accounting education, are what the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Picpa) would discuss during its 55th grand annual national convention to be held from Nov. 26 to 29 at the Expo Pilipino in Clark, Pampanga.

Several plenary sessions will be held, discussing the various aspects of our economic strategies. The first session is dubbed "Changing the Mind of the Nation: Elements in a Process of Creating Prosperity," with US economist and chief executive of the Frontier Michael Fairbanks sharing his thoughts how to make a country confront its economic problems with positive outlook. Fairbanks has advised government leaders in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East on making strategic choices in changing global economy. Dr. Johnny Noe Ravalo, chief economist of the Banker's Association of the Philippines, will likewise talk about the country's economic difficulties. Larry Henares will be the moderator for this topic.

The changes brought about by globalization to businesses and their effect on the accounting profession would be tackled by relevant players in the accounting profession from both the government and private sectors. Lawyer Abelardo Domondon will provide the introduction of topic and the moderator for the round table discussion will be lawyer Oscar Orbos. The panel of discussants will be: Guillermo Carague, Commission on Audit chair; Carlos Alindada, Accounting Standards Council chair; Cesar Purisima, SGV & Co chair and managing partner; Jerry Isla, Joaquin Cunanan & Co./ Pricewaterhouse Coopers chair and senior partner and; Benjamin Punongbayan, Punongbayan & Araullo/ Ernst & Young chair and managing partner and Auditing Standards and Practices Council chair.

In a session dubbed "Commerce and Industry – Knowledge Management," several speakers will share their views on the symbiotic relationship of economic advancement and knowledge management. UP professor and Principal of e-People, Inc. Dr. Serafin Talisayon will try to answer the question: "What should companies do to tap into and share for this knowledge, and stay competitive, growth-oriented and profitable?" E-People Inc. is an IT training and change management consultancy firm. Meanwhile, Carol Carreon, president and chief executive officer of BayanTrade Dotcom., Inc. and Dr. Estanislao Granados, director, procurement services, Department of Budget and Management, will provide tips on how to manage the supply chain process cost efficiently.

New thrusts in accounting education will be brought to fore, with the session that aims to answer the question "How is the academe addressing the need for new competencies?" and "How do the academe plan to speed up knowledge and skills development to make accountants keep abreast with the drastic changes in doing business?" Anna Maria Mendoza, professor at the University of Asia and the Pacific, and Ramon Dizon, partner and training director, SGV & Co./ Andersen, will be the speakers during this session.

Also, international auditing standards would be tackled by Carlos Alindada and Benjamin Punongbayan. They will discuss ASC's and ASPC's view on this topic.

The topic of eBusiness will be the highlight of one session, with Francis Howard Huang, senior director of Andersen and who specializes in strategy, value-based management, and Rob 0' Malley, vice president of Active Business Solution and an expert in telemarketing and call centers, as speakers. IT professional Joaquin Arambulo, senior director of Andersen, and Ian Black of SAP Philippines will likewise discuss enterprise systems.

Furthermore, microfinance would be tackled, with lawyer John Owens and Ronald Chua as speakers. They will talk about how institutions may be tapped to help alleviate poverty in the country. Owens is the regional manager for the Rural Bankers Association and Microenterprise Access to Banking Service Project while Chua is a faculty at the Center for Entrepreneurship at the Asian Institute of Management.

The four-day convention would also serve as the venue for other activities such as the "Fiesta Pampangueña" (a Pampango food festival treat), hot air balloon display, ballroom dancing at Fontana, exhibits, casino tours and Christmas sale, duty free shopping, a concert by Gary Valenciano and side tours.

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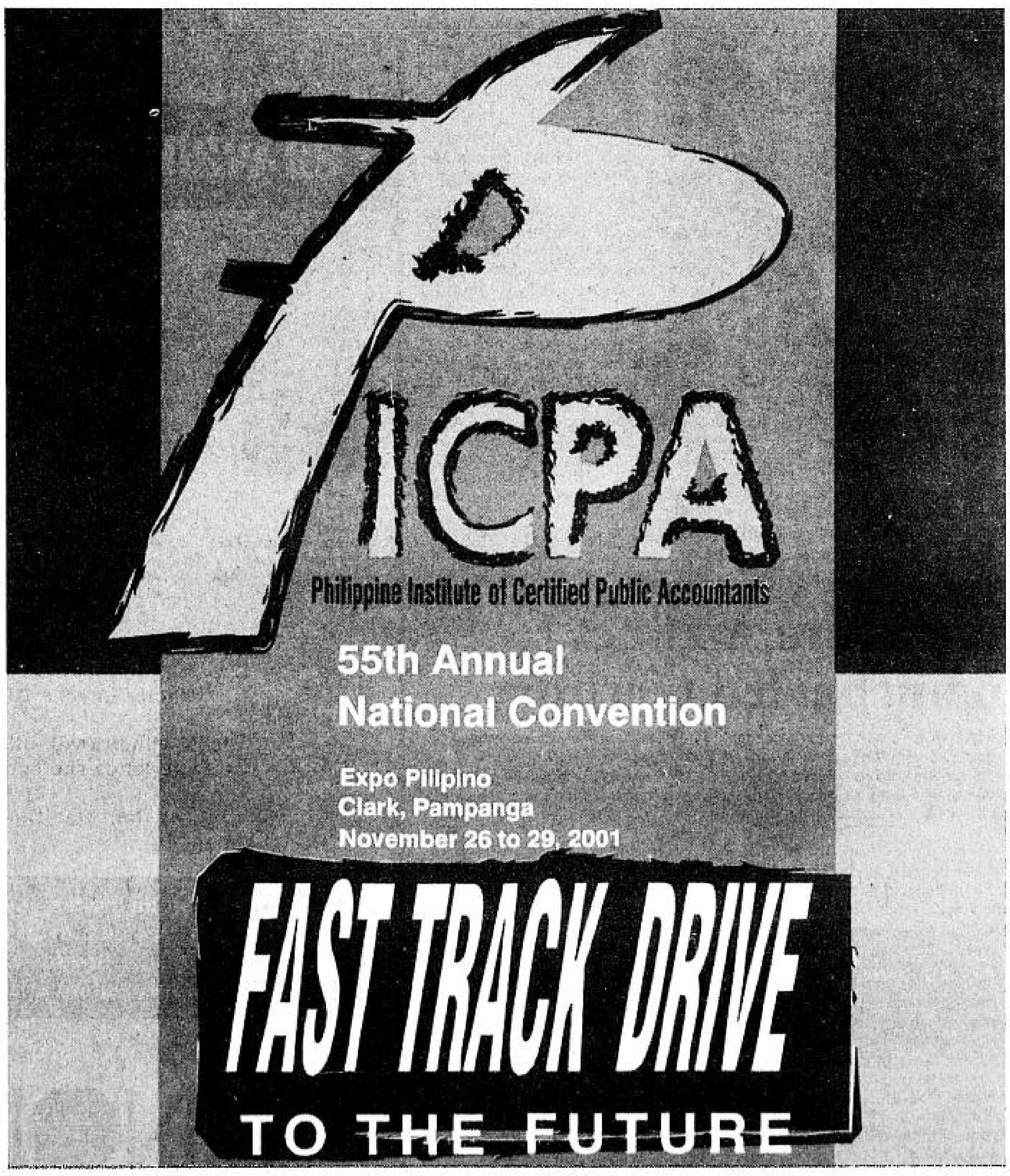

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Nov. 25, Sunday

10:00 a.m.	**Registration** *Trade Hall B* **Final Meeting – ANC Committee** *Millennium Hall* **Board of Directors Meeting** *Fontana Mini Amphitheatre*
1:30 p.m.	**Annual Planning Conference** *Fontana Mini Amphitheatre*
6:00	**Misa de Gracia** *Convento Hall*
7:00	**Annual Planning Conference** *Fontana Mini Amphitheatre*

Nov. 26, Monday

6:00 a.m.	**PICPA Cup – Open Golf Tournament** *Mimosa* **Tennis Tournament** *Fontana* **Target Shooting** *Clark*
7:00	**Registration** *Trade Hall B*
8:30	**Annual Planning Conference** *Fontana Mini Amphitheatre*
10:00-2:30 p.m.	**Educators' Forum** *Convento Hall*
10:00	**Opening the trade and exhibits** *Trade Hall B*
1:00-2:30	**Effective Financial Governance for LGU** *Millennium Hall* **Annual Planning Conference** *Fontana Mini Amphitheatre* **Educators' Forum** *Convento Hall*
4:00	**Opening Plenary** "Changing the Mind of a Nation" "What's Ailing the Philippine Economy" *Giant Amphitheatre*
6:30	**A Salute to the "Great Capampangans"** *Giant Amphitheatre* **San Fernando Lantern**
7:00	**Fiesta Pampagueña Dinner** *Patio & Mini Amphitheatre*
8:30	**Sinukwan Festival & Cultural Show** *Giant Amphitheatre*

Nov. 27, Tuesday

9:00-12:00 nn	**Plenary Session 1** "Are We Here to Last? Challenge to the Accounting Profession"
2:00	**Sectoral Sessions** • Commerce & Industry "Knowledge Management" *Millennium Hall* • Education "New Thrust in Accounting Education" *Convento Hall* • Government "Supply Chain Management" *Trade Hall A* • Public Practice "The Changing Shape of Public Practice *Officers' Club*
6:30	**Candlelight Dinner** *Patio / Mini Amphitheatre*
	Hot Air Ballroom Display
8:00	**Gabi ng Parangal** *Giant Amphitheatre*
10:00	**"Topada"** *Mabiga Cockpit Arena* **All Night Dancing** *Fontana*

Nov. 28, Wednesday

9:00-12:00 nn	**Plenary Session 4** "E-Business – Where are we now? Why does it matter?" *Giant Amphiatheater* **Plenary Session 5** "Electroncis Customer Relationship Management (eCRM)" **Plenary Ssession 6** "Realizing the Promises of Enterprise Systems of Strategy and Organization" "Linking Enterprise Systems to Strategy and Organization"
1:00 p.m.	**First PICPA National Quiz Bowl** *Trade Hall A* "Outstanding Accounting Teacher, Demonstration Teaching" *Holiday Inn*
2:00	**Tax Forum** *Millennium Hall* **Open Chess Tournament** *Spanish Museum* **Duty-Free Shop Tour** **"Quilising" (Tilbury) Race** *Driveway Expo*
6:00	**Philippine Development Plan** "Next Stop: Central Luzon" *Millennium Hall*
7:30	**Dinner** *Patio/Mini Amphitheatre*
8:30	**Grand Concert** *Giant Amphitheatre*

Nov. 29, Thursday

7:00 a.m.	**Team Building** *Mini Amphitheatre*
9:00	**Plenary Session 7** "Logistics Management in the New Economy" *Giant Amphitheatre*
10:00-12:30 p.m.	**Plenary Session 8** "Financing and Operational Strategy for Scaling Up Microfinance for the Poor"
12:00 nn	**Closing Rites and Annual Business Meeting** *Millennium Hall*
3:00 p.m.	**Grand Bingo Social** *Giant Amphiatheater*
6:00	**Fiesta Filipino Dinner** *Patio/Mini Amphitheatre*
7:30	**"Metamorphosis** PICPA Talents Night *Giant Amphitheatre*
11:30 p.m.	**Paskuhan – Simbang Gabi** *Convento Hall*

Nov. 30, Friday

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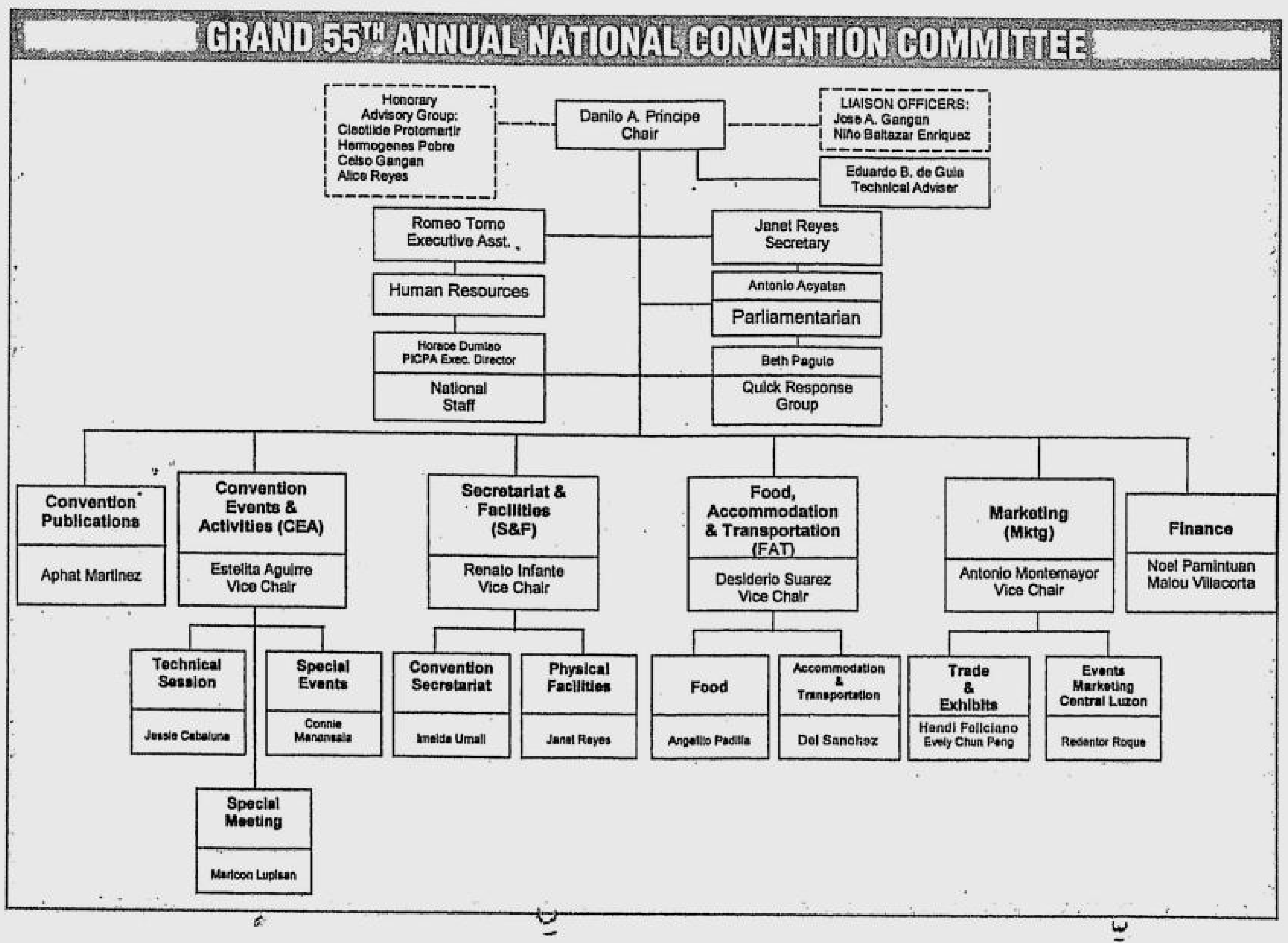
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His bereaved wife **Pacita Carpio** of Paoay, Ilocos Norte, and San Francisco del Monte, Quezon City; children and spouses **Judith** and **Lahsen**; **Edith** and **Brian**; **David Jr.** and **Shelly**; grandchildren **Leilani**, **Lucas**; **Sherrilyn**; **Gabrielle**; brothers **Flaviano**, **Arcadio** (†), **Ambrosio** (†), **Felipe** (†); brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, relatives and friends, request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the family residence, #28 Mapalad Street, San Francisco del Monte, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Friday, November 30, 2001 after the 2:00 PM Mass.

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His remains lie in state at the San Dionisio Credit Cooperative Building, 0554 Quirino Avenue, San Dionisio, Parañaque City. Tel. No. 826-1055, Telefax 826-67-26.

Necrological Services on November 27, 2001, Tuesday, after a Mass at 6:30 PM at the SDCC Building.

Interment will be on Wednesday, November 28, 2001, at the Manila Memorial Park, Dr. Arcadio Santos Avenue, Parañaque City after the 2:00 PM Mass at the St. Andrew's Parish Church, Quirino Avenue, La Huerta, Parañaque City.

"In God alone is my soul at rest." Psalm 62

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Now peacefully rests in the Infinite Grace and Goodness of the Lord on the 23rd day of November 2001 at the age of 85.

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His remains lie in state at Chapel B, Funeraria Paz, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City. Cremation will be on 28 November 2001 after the 8 a.m. Mass.

I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
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AUGUSTO "TOTO" BARRETTO y TUASON

Joined his Creator on November 23, 2001 at the age of 63.

His bereaved wife **LUCIANA**; children **BUTCH**, **TON** (†), **ANNE** and **JODIE ESPINO**, **ANNA** and **BIBOT LEGASPI**, **AU**, **AMY** and **ALFONSO** (†); his brother, sisters, in-laws, grandchildren, nephews and nieces request all who knew him to join us in our celebration as he enters his Creator's heavenly kingdom.

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Cremation will follow on Wednesday, November 28, 2001 at Funeraria Paz, Quezon City after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

"We know that God raised the Lord Jesus from death. He will raise us to life with Jesus. He will present us, along with you, to God." 2 Corinthians 4:14

ABELARDO B. LAZARO

Died in the Grace of our Lord on November 23, 2001 at the age of 85.

His bereaved family, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Nacional Memorial Homes (Chapel 1-B), 264 G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

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Cremation services at the Manila Memorial Park Crematorium, Sucat Road, Parañaque City. Cremation will be announced later. For further details, please contact De Luxe Chapel 825-1296; 825-3082 Local 107.

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St. Joseph Parish (Bamboo Organ), Las Piñas	6:00 AM
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St. Jerome & Sta. Susana Parish, Ayala Alabang	6:00 AM, 12:15 PM & 6:00 PM
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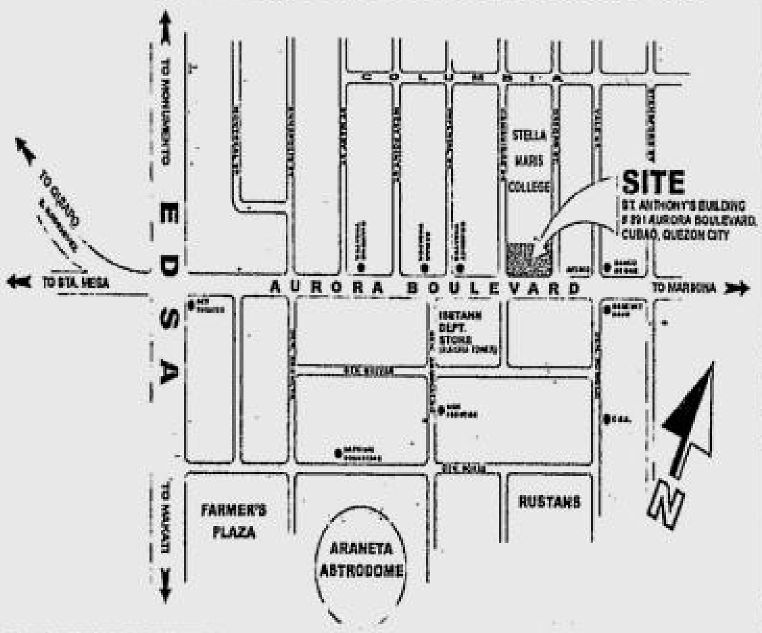

QUEZON METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
Lucena City Tel Nos. 71-33-52; 71-28-55

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from the Japan Bank of International Cooperation (JBIC) under the 20th Yen Credit Package to finance the cost of the Quezon Metropolitan Water District (QMWD) Water Supply System Comprehensive Improvement Program. QMWD will finance the cost of the construction of a reinforced concrete ground reservoir as part of its equity contribution to the project.

The QMWD is inviting all interested constructors having a valid CATEGORY B PCAB License and Classification for Medium A Water Supply to submit their Pre-qualification Statements (Pre-C) for the construction of one (1) 2000 cubic meters reinforced concrete ground reservoir; estimated construction cost in PhP6.1M.

Pre-qualification documents can be obtained by interested contractors at the PBAC Secretariat, QMWD office, Red-V, Ibabang Dupay, Lucena City upon presentation of a copy of valid PCAB Contractor's License and payment of a non-refundable fee of PhP200.00.

Accomplished Pre-C forms must be received at the QMWD office on or before 5:00 p.m. of **December 11, 2001**. Documents submitted late will not be considered and will be returned. All applicant contractors will be notified in writing of the status of the Pre-C Evaluation. Only-pre-qualified contractors will be issued bid documents. Bidding date will be announced later.

QMWD reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive minor informality in the bids received, and to award the contract to the bidder whose bid, as evaluated by PBAC, is the most advantageous to the QMWD.

Interested eligible applicants may obtain further information at Tel-fax No. (042) 373-3692 and/or inspect the Pre-C forms at the PBAC Secretariat.

(Sgd.) **ENRICO B. PASUMBAL**
General Manager

(PDI - Nov. 21, 23 & 26, 2001)

Republika ng Pilipinas
Pambansang Korporasyon Sa Elektrisidad
(NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION)

INVITATION TO BID

SPUG-MMSS-01-030

Interested suppliers are invited to submit sealed bids to be opened publicly at the National Power Corporation, Strategic Power Utilities Group, 2nd Flr. Training Center Bldg., BIR Road Cor. Quezon Avenue, Quezon City.

VENUE: 2F TRAINING CENTER BLDG., DILIMAN, Q.C.
BIDDING DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2001
TIME: 2:30 PM

SCHED	BRIEF DESCRIPTION
PB011210-PDAC0833	- VARIOUS SPARE PARTS FOR DALE GENSET
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Bidding documents will be available to qualified interested parties starting NOV. 26, 2001 upon payment of **P 100.00** per schedule which is non-refundable and upon presentation of company I.D., and company authorization. Issuance and receipts of documents are done every morning between 8:00 to 11:30 AM only at the above address.

The Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any defect therein and accept the offer most advantageous to the Corporation.

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All sealed bids will be received by the Committee on Awards on or before 10:00 a.m. and then publicly opened at the City Conference Room at exactly 2:00 p.m. on **December 14, 2001.**

Interested parties/accredited suppliers may secure the necessary bid documents and information from the Office of the City Mayor.

The City Government of Parañaque reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any formality or defect contained therein and accept the lowest complying and reasonable bid that is most advantageous to the City Government.

(Sgd.) **JOEY P. MARQUEZ**
City Mayor

(PDI – Nov. 22, 24 & 26, 2001)

Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA
Bayombong

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

The Provincial Government of Nueva Vizcaya through the Provincial Awards Committee (PAC) invites interested bidders to pre qualify and to bid in the delivery of one (1) unit MOTOR GRADER articulated type and with brand/model MITSUBISHI MG 331.

Schedule of Bidding Activities:

November 26, 2001 to December 5, 2001 - issuance of list of pre-qualification requirements, technical specifications and deadline for submission of pre-qualification documents

December 6, 2001 (10:00 a.m.)	- Pre-bidding conference and issuance of bid documents
December 14, 2001	- Bidding
(9:15-10:00 a.m.)	- Submission of bid proposals
(10:15 a.m.)	- Opening of bid proposals

Pre-qualification and bidding forms may be secured from PAC Secretariat upon payment of P1,500 non-refundable fee.

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City Mayor

(PDI – Nov. 22, 24 & 26, 2001)

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Asia's int'l bankers up for bleak Christmas

SINGAPORE—Christmas will be bleak for Asia's once high-flying international bankers as major institutions push ahead with plans to trim their presence in a region still struggling to recapture its glory days prior to the 1997-98 crisis.

After nearly three years in a fruitless wait, financial houses have decided it is no longer worth their while to expend precious resources in the region, especially Southeast Asia, at the expense of the seemingly limitless opportunities in China.

"It will be tough. There will be layoffs in the future," Julian Leung, a Hong Kong-based equity strategist at ING Barings, told AFP.

"China is definitely a good market. So probably investment banks will put more resources in China first," he said.

US financial giant JP Morgan Chase, formed as a result of Chase Manhattan Bank's acquisition of JP Morgan last year, said it would be directing more effort into China now that Beijing has gained membership of the World Trade Organization.

"The answer is no but we are definitely paying more attention to China because of WTO," Peter McKillop, regional head for corporate communications, said when asked if there were plans to reduce payroll in Asia.

"What we are doing is developing a new strategy for the region where we have a much bigger platform than ever before," he said of the merged outfit.

Most financial houses are blaming the lackluster performances of the region's stock markets for the decision to scale down their presence.

Brokerage Indosuez WI Carr Securities' deputy chief executive Philip Desgranges said the "poor trading business" in Asian stock markets drove the company to close research and brokerage operations in the region.

The closure will see 50 of the 140 staff losing their jobs in Hong Kong, he said.

Elsewhere in the region, the countdown to Christmas is also grim even for those whose companies have yet to retrench staff.

"We've done well enough to justify our presence here. But nobody here is a sacred cow and to think that it (job-slashing) won't happen to us is a bit out of reality," an associate director at PT UBS Warbug Indonesia told AFP on condition of anonymity.

"I don't think anyone is looking for bonuses but we (have been told we) will receive them anyway."

A technical analyst with Vickers Ballas Securities said most investment bankers and employees of securities firms were "very obviously concerned with downsizing" as the impact of the global economic recession bites.

"They are constantly thinking about whether the headquarters of their respective companies deem their operation in Indonesia still profitable or not," the analyst said.

He cited the recent closure of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp.'s stockbroking operations in Jakarta and of Nomura Securities in the city as "obvious examples of the gradual impact of the global economic recession in Southeast Asia."

In Japan, where the economy clings stubbornly to a decade-long slump, financial institutions are also planning to cut down their operations.

Early this month, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter and Co. announced it was making a hasty retreat from Japan's retail brokerage market a mere 10 months after it began its operations in Tokyo. *AFP*

Prada selling Fendi shares to L. Vuitton

MILAN, Italy—Italian fashion house Prada agreed Saturday to sell its stake in Fendi to the French luxury goods concern LVMH for $265 million, Prada said.

The deal, which gives LVMH a controlling stake in Fendi, was sealed about 4 a.m. in Paris, said Cristina Fossati of Image Building, which handles publicity for Prada.

LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SA and Prada each bought a 25.5-percent stake in Fendi two years ago, so the deal gave LVMH a 51-percent share in the Italian maker of handbags, furs and other fashion items.

"We made this decision with LVMH in the spirit of collaboration," Prada chief executive Patrizio Bertelli said in a statement. He said proceeds from the sale would be used to develop brands it owns or controls as a majority shareholder.

Prada will get 80 percent of the money from the sale by next year, Fossati said.

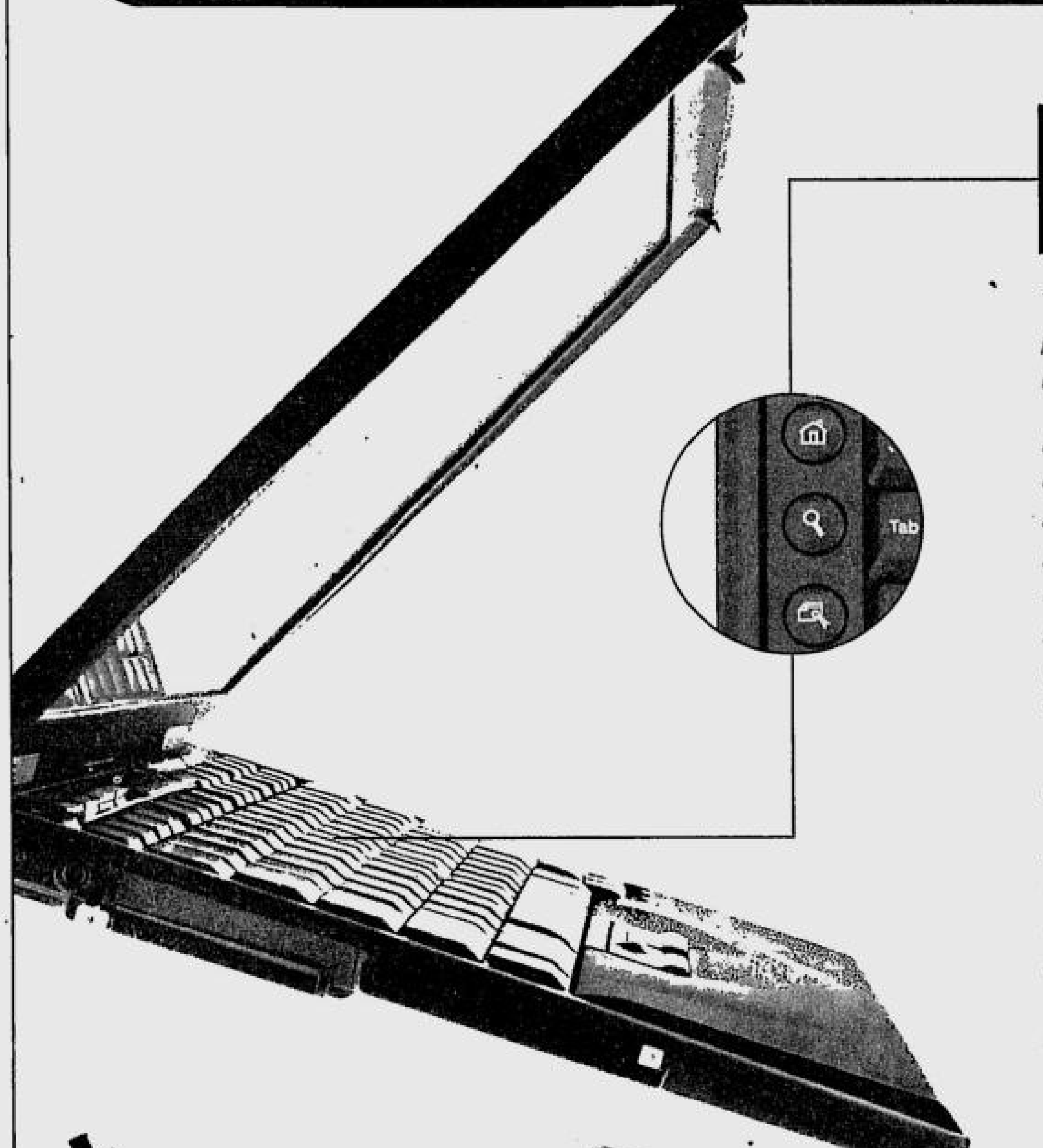
Prada gained fame in the past decade with its minimalist fashions, but a spree of acquisitions began to weigh heavily on its ledgers.

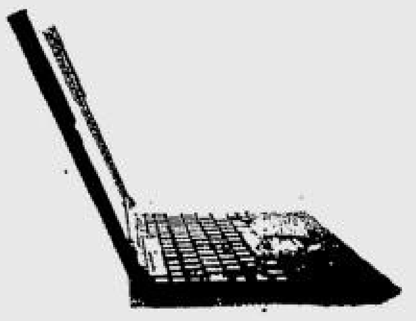
Fendi was long run by five sisters whose parents founded the company in 1925 as a small leather-goods business. Its wallets, handbags and furs became fashionable in the last few decades. The Fendi family will retain 49 percent of the company.

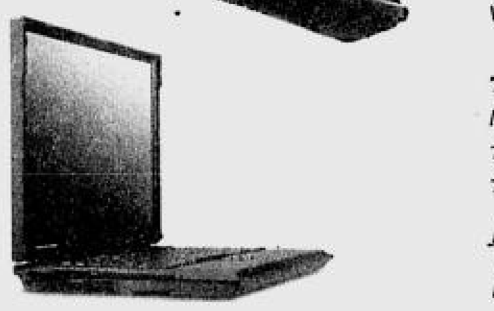
Prada said that in the last 18 months, the number of directly held Fendi stores worldwide had soared from four to 83.

"This transaction is a very positive and strategic step and an excellent opportunity for LVMH," Yves Carcelle, head of LVMH's fashion and leather goods division, said in a statement in Paris.

LVMH encompasses Louis Vuitton, the luggage and accessory maker, and some major French champagne producers. *AP*







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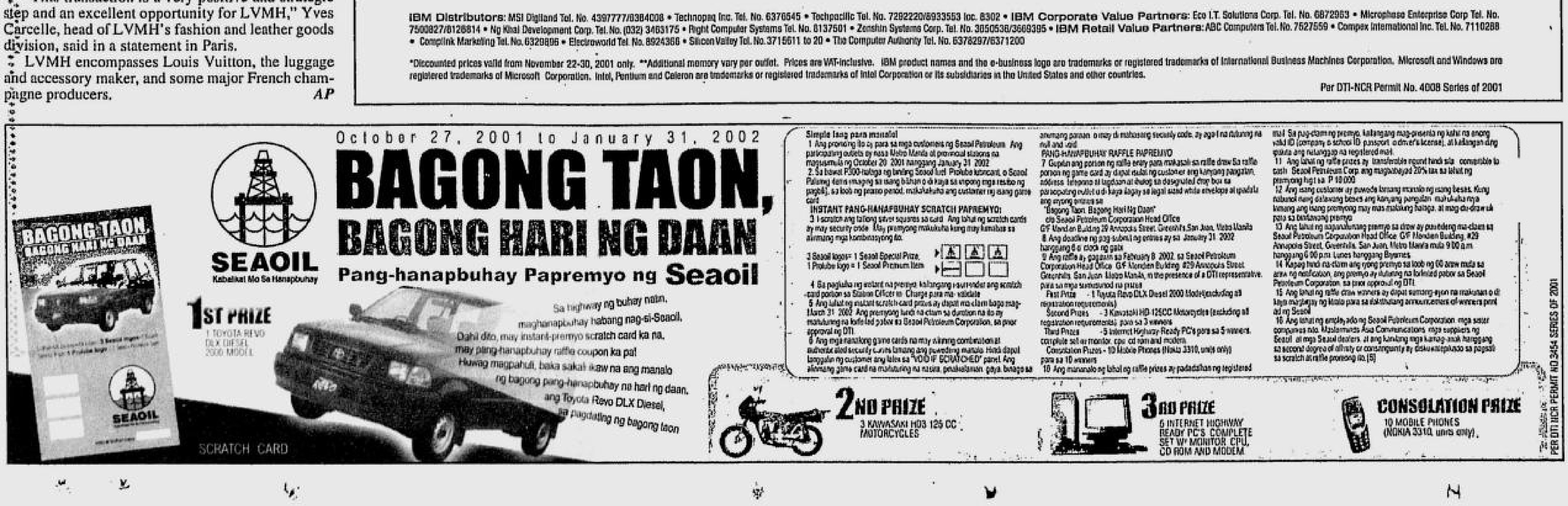

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GDP grew 2.82%, economists say

THE PHILIPPINE economy grew 2.82 percent in the third quarter from a year earlier, supported by strong farm output and sustained growth in the services sector, economists have forecast in a recent poll.

They warned, however, that growth would slow further in the fourth quarter, dragged by the weaker global economy following the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States, the country's main trading partner.

A Reuters poll of 10 economists showed that the Philippine economy expanded by an average 2.82 percent in the third quarter from a year earlier. Poll responses ranged from 2.4 to 3 percent.

The government, due to report the data on Thursday, has said it is confident of achieving its target 2.8-percent GDP growth in the third quarter helped by strong consumer spending.

"It's still the same. The agriculture and services were the drivers of the economy in the third quarter," said Joey Cuyegkeng, an economist at ING Barings Securities Philippines.

The country's GDP rose 3.3 percent year-on-year in the second quarter. Gross national product, which includes incomes from abroad, rose 3.5 percent in the second quarter.

The forecasts indicate the Philippine economy has fared better than some of its neighbors.

Taiwan and Singapore sank into recession in the third quarter when their economies contracted 4.21 percent and 5.6 percent, respectively.

Malaysia reported on Friday that third-quarter GDP shrank a more-than-expected 1.3 percent from a year earlier.

But South Korea reported a 1.8-percent expansion of its economy in the third quarter.

Economists polled by Reuters said growth in seasonally adjusted GDP was likely to be less spectacular than the year-on-year data.

"Quarter-on-quarter seasonally adjusted GDP expanded slightly in the third quarter by 1.3 percent. Optimism is well founded in some regard, but (whether) it can be sustained would depend on global prospects," GK Goh regional economist Song Seng Wun forecast.

The Philippine farm sector, which accounts for a fifth of the country's total output, grew 2.94 percent in the first nine months of the year, the government reported on Nov. 15.

"On the production side, (the) weather has been very kind to us. Personal consumption was stable in the third quarter. We have a relatively balanced economy compared with the tiger economies in the region," said Erico Claudio, research head at WorldSec Securities International.

Economists said a telecom-inspired growth in services was sustained in the third quarter, thanks to the strong performance of mobile phone companies Globe Telecom Inc. and Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co.'s Smart Communications Inc.

Industry, especially manufacturing, remained sluggish as businesses slowed down expansion plans due to uncertainties and weaker global demand for exports.

GK Goh forecast industry grew by an estimated 3.5 percent in the third quarter and services by 3.1

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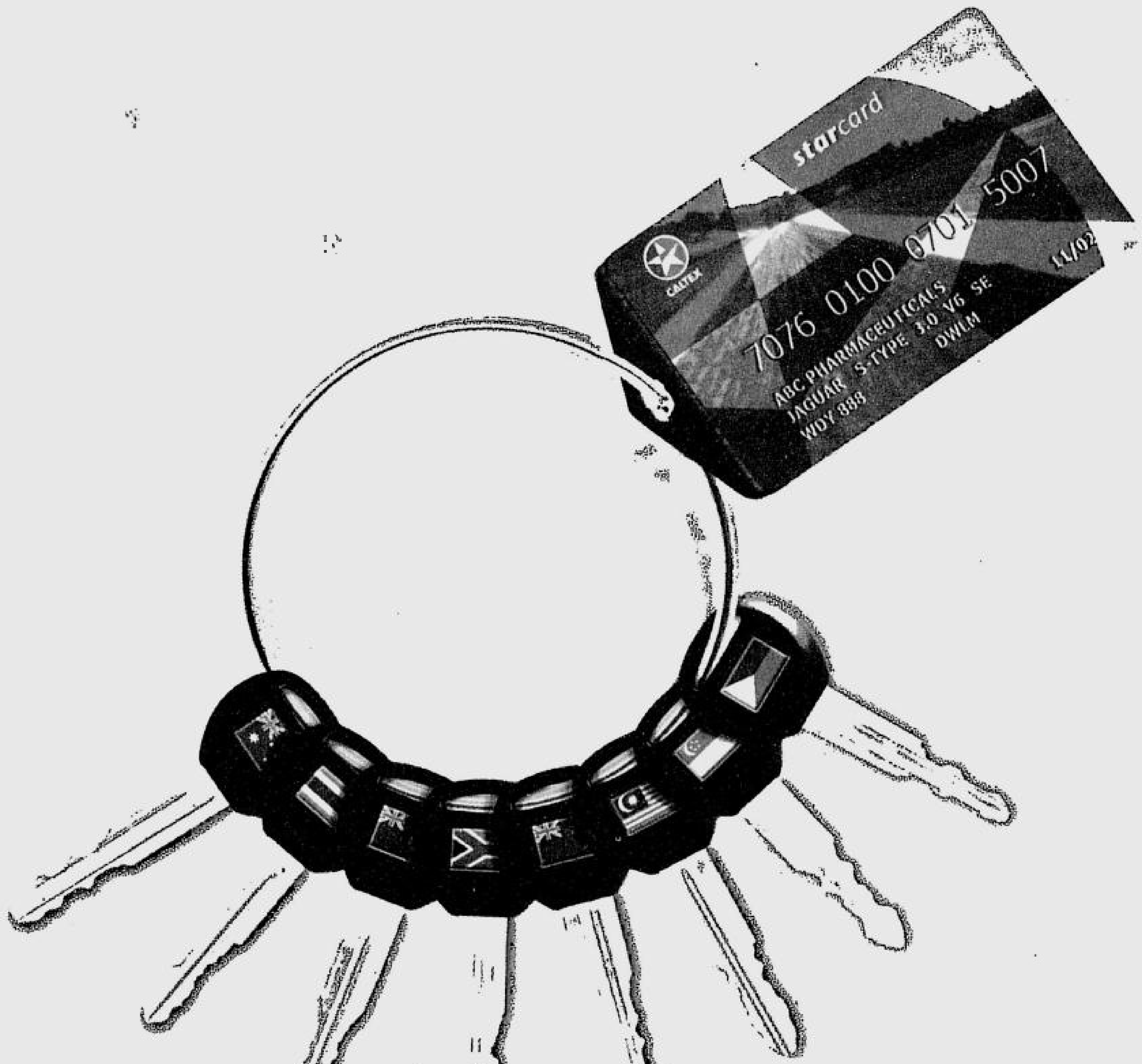

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Gov't flunks drive against cable piracy

By Abigail L. Ho

THE GOVERNMENT is failing miserably in curbing the rising cases of cable program piracy in the country, Cable Technology Asia Corp., Philippine arm of the Star TV group of companies, said on Friday.

In an interview, Cable Technology Asia's vice president for distribution, David Ilagan, told the Inquirer that nothing had happened with a couple of cases his company filed with the National Telecommunications Commission against two cable TV operators since June.

"It's really a huge problem, and no one's doing anything about it. The NTC is saying that this is a case for the IPO (Intellectual Property Office), for (IPO director general) Emma Francisco. But Francisco will tell us this is not an intellectual property rights issue, but an NTC issue. So it's just going back and forth," Ilagan said.

"Piracy is everywhere. It's not just the Malaysian boxes but also those of Dream Broadcasting (System). They just pay for one household subscription per year, then they put this in their cable systems to provide programs for around 10,000 subscribers. What does the NTC do about it? They're washing their hands," complained Ilagan.

NTC chief Eliseo Rio Jr. admitted that piracy was a big problem but denied that the commission was not doing anything about it.

"We have received complaints about piracy. We've already caught some operators in the provinces. We try to do what we can, but we're still dependent on the complaints that we receive," he explained.

He added that jurisdiction over piracy remained hazy, as there was still no clear-cut law that could govern the cable TV industry.

"The NTC deals more with infrastructure (issues). This is a case for the IPO because it involves content, although we still do something about the complaints that we receive," he said.

Rio added that the NTC lacked the manpower to go after individuals or groups engaged in cable TV piracy.

He said the commission was, nonetheless, gathering evidence to help prosecute these people.

Maynilad resumes loan negotiations

By Christine A. Gaylican

Maynilad Water Services said on Sunday that it had resumed talks with its foreign creditor banks for a planned $350 million term loan to be used to finance operations and pay off maturing obligations over the next two years.

Maynilad is a subsidiary of conglomerate Benpres Holdings Inc., which is controlled by the Lopez family.

Francis Gilles Puno, Maynilad project finance director and First Philippine Holdings Inc. vice president for finance, said the firm's foreign creditor banks, including Citibank N.A., BNP Paribas, Barclays Capital and Tokai Bank of Japan, had given their blessing to the loan.

The $350-million fund raising plan was shelved earlier this year due to a tariff dispute with the government.

But with the government approving a tariff hike for the firm in September, the planned loan could proceed again, he said.

"It would take another three to a maximum of four months that all our requirements will be settled before these borrowings could be tapped. But what is important is that our lenders have been very receptive to us and believe that the project is viable," Puno said.

The loans will partly finance Maynilad's capital expenditure and pay off maturing obligations, especially the firm's unpaid concession fees to the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System.

It would also finance around $80 million in new investments in its operation, which the MWSS requires as part of Maynilad's concession agreement with the government.

Maynilad Water operates the west concession area covering about 60 percent of the entire Metro Manila area.

Manila Water Co Inc, a unit of conglomerate Ayala Corp, operates the concession for the eastern part of the metropolis.

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RP brand: Key to competitiveness

BY MARGIE QUIMPO-ESPINO

CEBU City—The key for the Philippines to enter the international arena as an economic player is to make it Asia's center of creativity.

The call was made by no less than Ayala Corp. president and CEO Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala during his keynote address of the 17th Philippine Advertising Congress in Cebu last week.

"By virtue of their educational systems, our more advanced Asian neighbors may be superior in mathematics, sciences and technology. But with respect to creativity, artistry and imagination, no country in the region can claim to be our equal," Zobel says.

The Ayala executive may have spoken too soon. Thailand and Australia have already started unlocking the door to their own creative centers.

Kim Shaw, editor in chief of Campaign Brief Asia (a magazine on creativity in the advertising industry), and one of the speakers during the congress said ads from Thailand, Australia, Singapore and New Zealand are the ones doing very well in international competitions.

He cited the Gunn report, one of the industry's best rating lists, which shows Thailand already ranks No. 7 as among the most awarded.

Shaw however believes that the Philippines can still become a good center for creativity.

The advertising industry has been adversely affected by the economic crunch prevailing in the country over the past three years. Ad spending is usually the first area to be cut when firms experience a drop in revenues.

But Shaw said, "the lower the budgets, the more creative one becomes."

He showed several award winning ads, some of which were produced very cheaply.

"Simple ideas are simple to produce," he said.

In general, the advertising industry agrees that the Philippines is rich in creative talents.

Overall PAC chair Pedro Dy-Liacco, an SVP of Nestlé Phils. commented that Zobel's talk was "a timely call to arms. Is it realistic? I think so."

He admits, however, that there is still the "government component which is equally important."

The basic requirements of peace and order and basic infrastructure have to in place. And these sectors can only be addressed by the government.

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PHILIPPINE Advertising Congress overall chair Pedro Dy-Liacco declares the 17th Advertising Congress open. TONEE DESPOJO

'Be open, direct and transparent'

BY MARGIE QUIMPO-ESPINO

MANAGEMENT STYLES

GERARD Kleisterlee, head of one of the world's largest electronics firms, spends half of his time flying to the 60 countries where Royal Philips Electronics operates.

During these trips he meets Philips employees that now number over 200,000 worldwide. Although he admits it is tough, he makes sure he schedules rest time in between his visits just to keep him going.

Relaxing for him means jogging, listening to classical music, or walking through the woods behind his house with his wife and his black Labrador.

Kleisterlee arrived in Manila last Tuesday after a 20-hour flight from the Netherlands. He barely had time to freshen up at the presidential suite of the Manila Peninsula, before he had to fly via helicopter to Philips' plants in Cabuyao and Calamba.

He arrived back at the hotel after 5 p.m. and conducted a 30-minute interview with two journalists. Then he was off to meet 300 of Philips associates in a cocktail party. Wednesday morning saw him flying off to Singapore to celebrate the firm's 75 years in that country.

Vacation

He says he would love to come back to the Philippines for a vacation, but only, "after you've fixed your problem in the South."

Kleisterlee was heavily guarded all throughout his 24-hour visit in Manila and the people around him had to be cleared.

At the plants, he says he met a thousand people. He says he felt at home because when he used to head Philips Taiwan, they had a lot of Filipino workers, so he knew the culture.

The message he imparted to the employees was "all around the world we are living in difficult times" especially in telecommunications, personal computers, and integrated circuits—sectors Philips is into.

Last January, Philips Philippines laid off about 1,000 people bringing down its employees to 5,000.

But Kleisterlee's visit, the first by a Philips CEO in the country in over two decades, is a clear sign that the firm is committed to the Philippines.

"The Philippines is becoming an important part of Philips as we work toward our global goal of becoming a high-growth technology company," Kleisterlee told some 300 business associates during Philips' cocktails.

But he also seeks an improvement in the local situation.

Major investor

"As a major investor to the Philippines, let me also cite areas for improvement such as creating a favorable business condition, better peace and order situation and better infrastructures in order to attract investors to make this location where they can fulfill their mission," he says.

Philips Philippines is the second largest organization in terms of human resources in the Asia-Pacific region. It is into semi-conductors in the country and has a joint venture with Ionics Circuits to make rewritable CDs.

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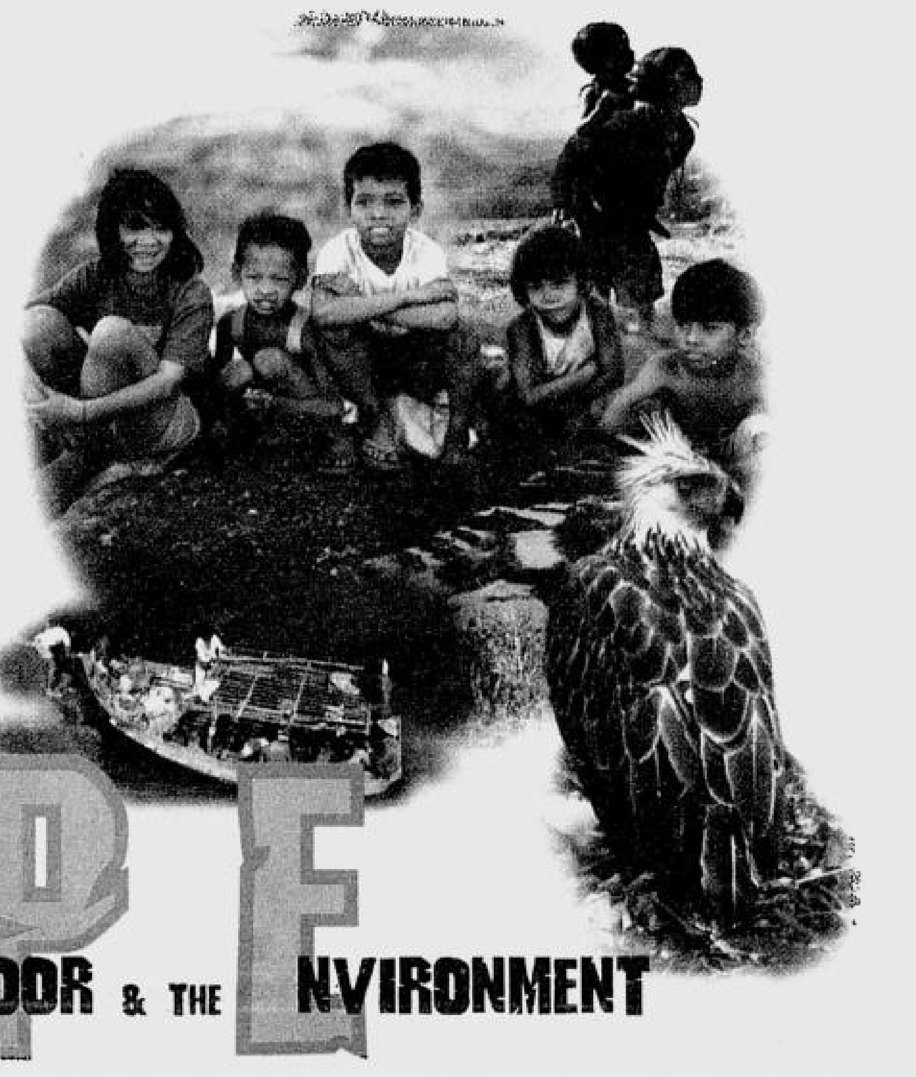

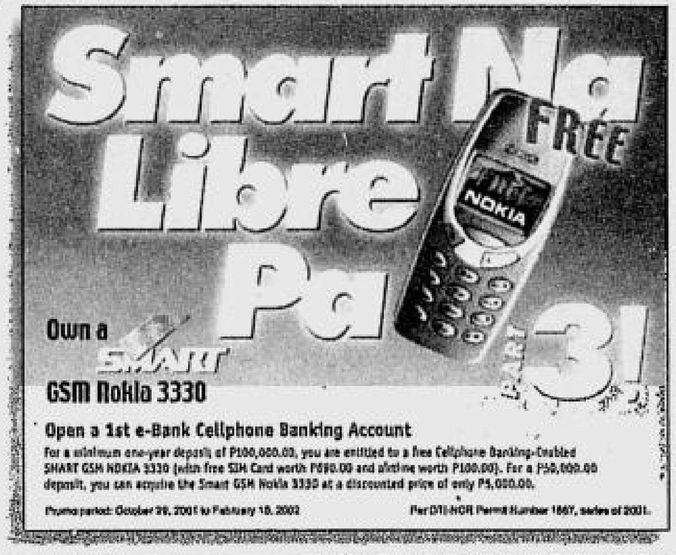

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Restoration of national treasures can be sustained

MAPPING THE FUTURE

Cynthia V. Subijano

DESPITE the efforts of historical societies interested in preserving the national heritage, rapid change has caused many Filipino landmarks and treasures to be altered, demolished, or simply left to rot. Smaller artifacts or pieces of art can be placed in museums and preserved for posterity, but doing the same for a whole building is a whole different problem.

The high cost of restoration and maintenance, matched with the scarcity of private donors and the limited government budget, make such a task daunting and difficult.

When looking for solutions to these problems, the Philippines may look to France as an example of how to go about solving them.

The French people have had a very long and involved history, and are understandably passionate about preserving their heritage. This passion has led them to develop technologies useful for preserving historical structures and antiquities.

In preserving the beautiful buildings of the city of Paris, for example, the French used a unique approach, slanted toward preserving the past but not neglecting present-day needs. They successfully introduced the precepts of modern internal architecture to the fabulous buildings of the city, without altering the structures' characters and facades.

French way

An excellent case in point of this achievement is the world-famous Louvre Museum, whose architecture and artifacts are appreciated by millions of tourists every year. Another good example is the Pont Du Guard in southern France, a centuries-old aqueduct of Roman manufacture, which has been declared a world heritage site.

Not only have the French been able to preserve these edifices, the techniques used have a built-in sustainability that guarantees enjoyment for generations of visitors to come.

In the interest of learning more about such marvelous new architectural techniques as described in the previous paragraph, the Philippines-France Professionals Association has invited an authority in the field of art and building restoration to speak on the subject.

With the assistance of UBI France, the French Embassy, the Palafox and Associates, and the Urban Development Committee of the Management Association of the Philippines (MAP), the Philippines-France Professionals Association will be sponsoring a seminar on "French Technology on Art and Building Restoration."

The presentation speaker will be Yves Bozelec—Architect DPLG and a member of the highly respected Architectes Voyer de la Ville de Paris, an institution whose origins can be traced to King Louis XIV.

Expert in Manila

Bozelec will speak before CEOs and professionals on the morning of Dec. 4. He will make a presentation to architecture students and members of the academe at the University of Santo Tomas the following day.

Bozelec has indicated that he hopes to provide some useful insights, enlightenment and inspiration that will prove invaluable when applied to the preservation of old and historic structures—updating their usefulness without necessarily changing their characters and facades.

Perhaps he may be able to offer solutions to similar dilemmas confronting both CEOs and government officials today.

The seminar director will be Architect Felino Palafox Jr., himself a respected figure in the field of urban planning and architecture.

Interested parties who want to attend the 150-capacity presentation at the Kalayaan Sunset Lounge at the 24th floor of the Urban Bank Plaza may call Edith at Tel. Nos. 894-0074/893-5112.

Learning institutions who wish to send their faculty and students to the symposium on Dec. 5 may contact the office of Dean Augusto M. Concio of the UST College of Architecture. Individual walk-in students are also welcome.

(This article reflects the personal views of the author who is a member of the Management Association of the Philippines and president of Solutions and Innovations Inc. The MAP secretariat and the author may be reached at mapsec@globe.com.ph.)

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Romancing the consumers, creating emotional brands

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

CEBU CITY—If you start your letter to an important client with a "Dear Valued Customer," chances are that letter will end up in the trash.

Brand guru and book author Paul Temporal, who spoke on "Positioning for Brand Success" at the 17th Philippine Advertising Congress which closed last Saturday, said the strategy to hold on to customers is "emotional not rational"

"The future of building brands lies in building value rather than better customer relations," he stated.

He spoke on the emotional process of brand relationships which starts with brand awareness then information, respect, friendship, trust, loyalty and the love affair of togetherness and partnership.

"People have universal longing to be respected and valued. They enjoy friendship and do not like to be ignored and disliked," Temporal said adding that "as technology becomes more ubiquitous they will crave the human touch."

In building brands, Temporal enumerated some myths.

Brand power and ubiquity force people to accept things they do not want.

"The reality is customers walk away if they do not get what they want," he said.

Another myth is big brands dominate media. But the book author said customers get exposed to about 1,500 pitches a day.

A third myth is that brands give customers less choices but the reality is customers have more choices than ever.

Temporal also listed seven world market trends on brand building today:

- breakdown of market boundaries
- globalization
- increase in market fragmentation
- product diversity and life cycle
- compression
- greater customer sophistication
- parity

Temporal insists on the value of customer relationship management but only if done the right way.

He cited that if a company simply reduces defections by 5 percent, it can boost its profits by 25 percent to 85 percent.

And the reason why customers leave or defect is largely due to lack of attention.

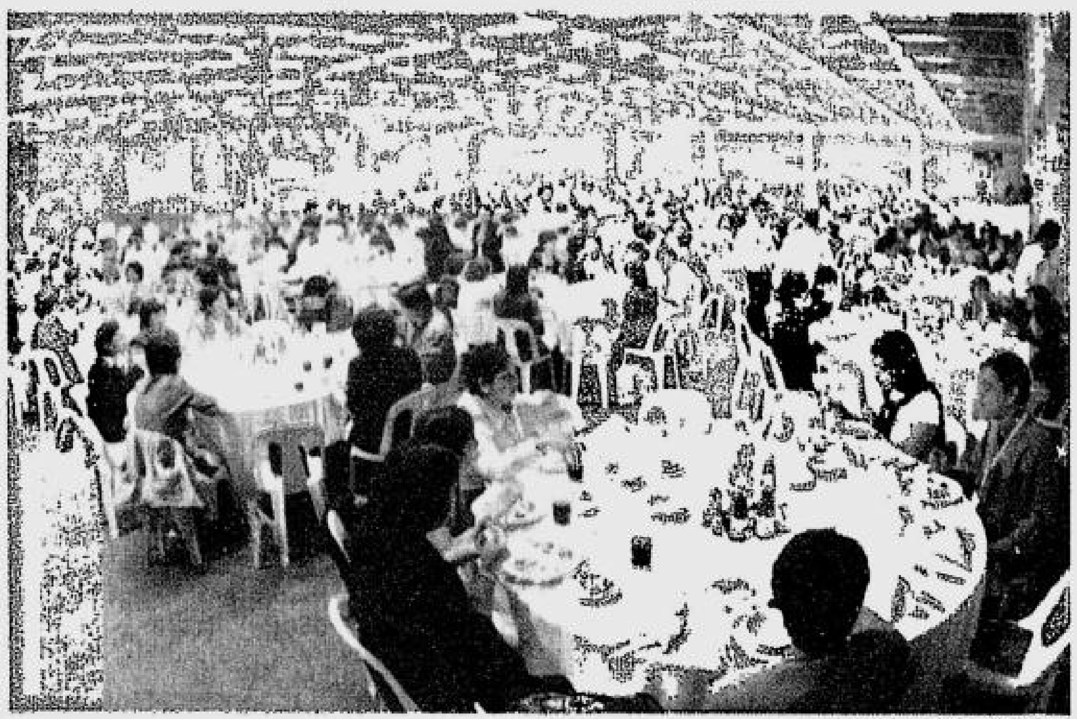
The other reasons are competitors who win them over and price.

There are ways to add value and care to a brand:

- Saves time.
- Saves hassle and stress.
- Saves money.
- Solves customer's problems.
- Make customers feel valued.

Temporal told the members of the advertising industry that advertising agencies have to move to talk brand imaging. They have to go into integrated ways for companies to manage their total brand images.

"Companies need to pay full attention to emotional branding," he said.



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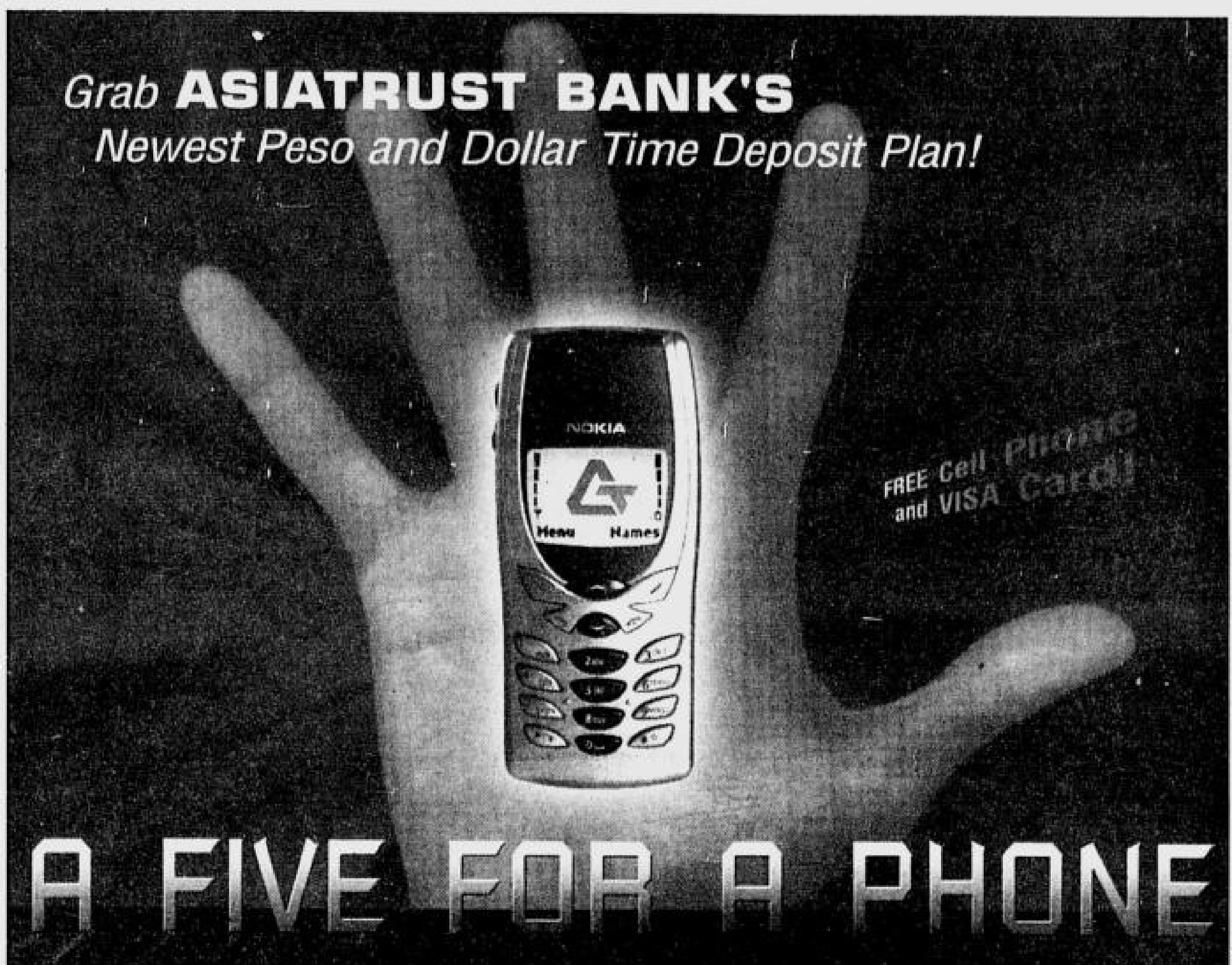

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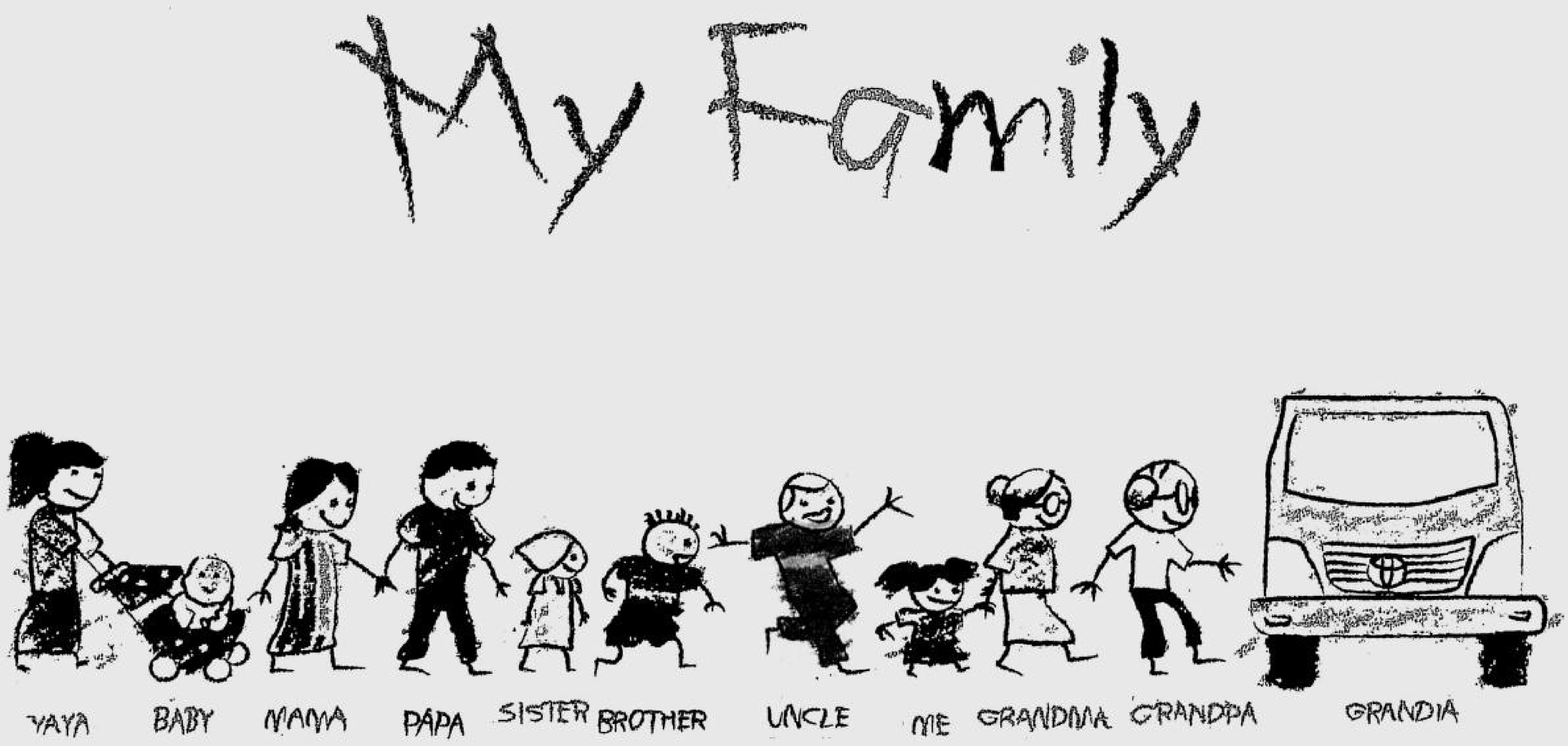

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KLEISTERLEE

Kleisterlee cites some positive aspects about the Philippines—a well-educated workforce, basic infrastructure although improvement can still be made in this area, political and legal stability.

He points out that just having a business has enough uncertainties without getting the aggravation from political instability.

The German born CEO, 55, took over the helms of the 110-year-old firm just when the world economy was entering into a recession.

Tech firm

"In my first six months as CEO, I had hoped to devote all my time and energy working on the long-term goal of becoming a high-growth technology company. But nobody had counted on the severing of the current global economic downturn. The PC and telecom industries are down and this certainly impacted on our company.

"In fact our third quarter results indicate we are facing a profit warning. And so I have sent out calls for al our companies worldwide to find effective and immediate solutions to revamp our businesses," he says.

He admits that although Philips revenues have also been affected because of the downturn in the personal computer sector and mobile handsets, there are some bright spots—lighting, domestic appliances and personal care, and medical systems.

Kleisterlee says Philips' vision is to create high-tech products that are appealing and user-friendly.

Its focus over the next five years would be digital consumer electronics and semiconductors; medical systems, and newer lighting applications.

Light bulb

Philips actually invented the bulb over a hundred years ago. From lights it has expanded substantially into a wide range of high-tech, high-precision products.

He says the firm acquired several firms that will enable it to achieve its vision.

He believes that part of the reason he was made head of the firm was due to his experiences in Asia. He was president of Philips Taiwan and regional manager for Philips Components in Asia-Pacific in 1996.

In September 1997, he was tasked to head the Philips group in China.

He admits that Philips may not have given Asia the attention it should have particularly during the Asian crisis in the late '90s. But he said Asia is clearly a priority of the firm, the largest in Europe.

Kleisterlee says in dealing with varied cultures, he simply adopts an "open, direct and transparent" style of management.

He says his environment in the Netherlands equips him for this as the country is a melting pot of varied nationalities.

"I know where I'm going, I see the advantages of being Dutch—we always have to live with other people," he says.

Pratt Husu, president and CEO of Philips Philippines describes Kleisterlee's style as "consistent."

Johann van Splunter, Philips regional executive for the Asia-Pacific, on the other hand, says Kleisterlee pays "respect for other cultures."

RP brand: Key to competitiveness

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In his speech, Zobel called for decisive and purposeful action in three key areas:

- ● Harnessing local creative potentials to the fullest.
- ● Pursuing national competitiveness, and
- ● Improving the country's national image in the world.

"It's not a question of whether Filipinos can choose to compete in the world or remain looking inward. I'm afraid we have no choice in the matter. Either we find a way or we get relegated to insignificance," he says.

He quoted author Michael Porter in his book, "The Competitive Advantage of Nations," which stated that certain factors and conditions and advantages that favor certain countries over others in becoming centers for certain industries.

Thus some countries become financial centers; others manufacturing centers; and still others research havens.

"We should foster national competitiveness because our economic well-being and modernization critically depend on how effectively we compete in the world," he states.

"You have to start with a good product. Right now we have a bad product. When it comes to developing our creativity, we have the talents but no opportunity," says a media director of one of the country's largest advertising agencies.

"It has to start with the government," said Oscar Villanueva, executive director of the Advertising Board of the Philippines, the organizer of the PAC.

All agree, however, that the Philippines has to improve its image.

"From my own travels abroad and my meetings with various groups, I must say that not since the martial law years has the Philippines suffered from a more negative image than it does today. From widespread admiration for our heroic staging of People Power in 1986, international regard has descended to near indifference. We simply just don't register on the radar screen of the international investor community anymore," Zobel says.

THE APO Hiking Society sang for the audience during the lunch sponsored by the INQUIRER. TONEE DESPOJO

In his 14-page speech, Zobel, or Jaza as he is more known, says that "I believe that one day the Philippines can become the creative center in Asia—a center for the arts and culture, as well as for creative services to business and industry. The factor conditions—human resources, artistic and cultural talent, language skills, managerial know-how—are there for us to aspire to become one."

"Creativity is the one that comes most naturally to us as a people. By virtue of their educational systems, our more advanced Asian neighbors may be superior in mathematics, science and technology. But with respect to creativity, artistry and imagination, no country in the region can claim to be our equal," he says.

Yet he admits that "Filipino advertising talent has not yet been fully stretched."

But the failing is partly due to businesses.

"Many corporate advertisers are simply not brave enough to break new ground. Some of us probably think that Filipino audiences are not ready or mature enough for the kind of cutting-edge campaigns driving international business today," he says.

In building national competitiveness, Jaza cited this year's World Competitiveness Report, which rates 49 top economies in the world where the Philippines ranks 40th.

While everybody always looks out to foreign markets, Jaza called attention to the local population, which at nearly 78 million this year is the 13th largest population in the world.

"Our large existing population can be the base of a dynamic market economy," he adds.

The highlight of yesterday's opening ceremonies was a play called *Ungol!* which called attention to the plight of the masses, the lower middle class, soldiers, overseas Filipino workers.

The Philippine Daily Inquirer was the host for the lunch and the country's largest newspaper brought the Apo Hiking Society, Tessie Tomas and Jon Santos to delight the delegates.

It's theme during the lunch was "Survivors" and the paper's participants were all geared in Armani-inspired bush jackets.

INQUIRER president Sandy Prieto-Romualdez enumerated the many achievements of the newspaper including topping the Asian Research Organization in readership, having the 11th most visited website in the world, launching the Cebu Daily News which now ranks the second largest in Cebu, and coming up with innovative sections such as the three business features—Business Monday, Business Friday and SundayBiz; and People at Work.

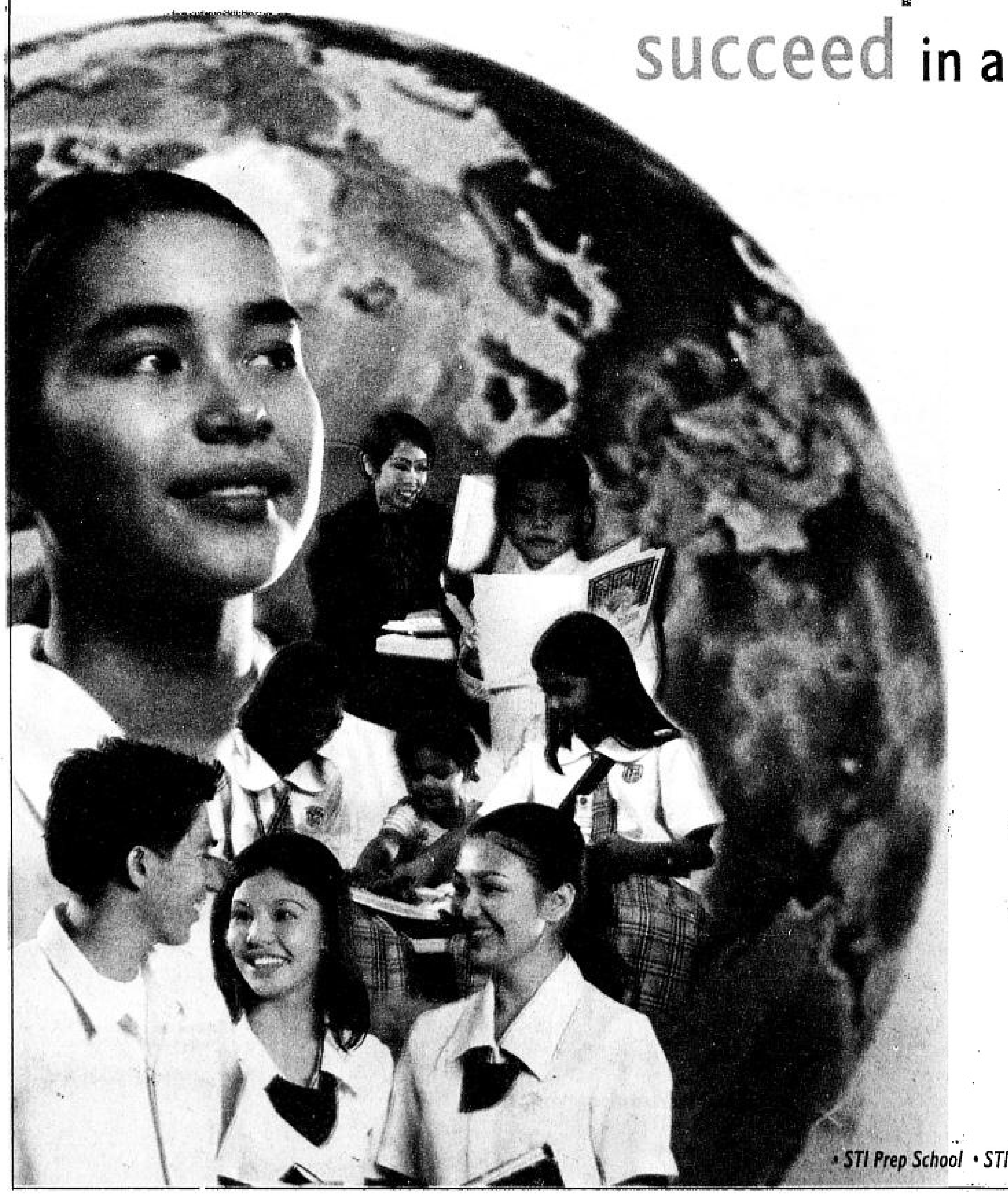
The INQUIRER tabloid, Libre, which has a circulation of 100,000 and distributed in all MRT stations for free, was also formally launched.

The theme of this year's advertising congress is Target: Market, asking the industry and businesses to focus on their markets and talk to them directly.

The PAC, the largest biennial gathering of the advertising industry, had over 2,400 participants making it the largest in the congress' 32-year history.

PAC overall chair Pedro Noy Dy-Liacco said the huge turnout may have been due to the desire of many members of the advertising industry to get out of the "pervading negativism" surrounding Metro Manila because of unsolved crimes, and slowdown in the economy.

Advertising Board of the Philippines chair Susan Dimacali cited that this year's turnout was "truly remarkable. It's a statement that says we will not be defeated."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Selecting a site for your business

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GOING INTO BUSINESS

Where you locate is very important. Especially for a trading or service enterprise, location can spell the difference between a thriving or a failed business.

First, you must see the big picture. City or town? Town or village? This town or that town? This district or another? Some areas may appear the same, but their business potentials differ. Some basic factors to consider: Is the place an industrial, commercial, or residential area? Perhaps it is in a school zone. Is it a progressive community? Or one going to pot?

After you've identified the general location to set up shop in, think in terms of specific sites. You cannot be too careful at this point. A site that seems "perfect" at first glance may not be worth a second look. So, never be impulsive about buying a land and/or building that grabs you at first sight. Look at it every which way. Why? Land is expensive. Rent and renovation are also costly. Check thoroughly before finally deciding to acquire the place.

Choosing the best site

Having in mind the business you have chosen, look at a prospective site taking into account the following factors:

Raw materials. Will you be using bulky raw materials? Will there be a lot of waste during processing? If transporting waste is expensive, you might want to be closer to your sources of raw materials. Looking beyond your immediate needs, will these materials still be available in the future when you increase your production? In terms of the quantity and quality that you will need them?

Market. If you're in wholesale and retail trade or in consumer services, how far will you be from your target markets? Are the areas of your target market changing? Are your potential customers moving out to other places? Are there others who are moving in?

Transportation. Does the cost of transporting raw materials or finished goods account for a high percentage of your total cost? If it is, consider this in choosing your site. Don't forget to check the availability of public transport for your customers and personnel. How are the roads?

Labor. Can you employ people living in the vicinity? Do they have the skills you need? If not, you still have to train them either formally or on the job. Are they within commuting distance? If not, you might have a high incidence of tardiness. What are the ongoing wage rates?

Utilities. Are light and water available? If so, are these reliable and adequate? If water is not, you might need a tank or even a deep well plus a pump. Are you planning to use wood, charcoal or LPG? Again, if available, is the supply reliable and adequate? How much will these utilities cost?

Community. How are the community's rules and regulations, especially in relation to your business? Does its local government encourage certain types of business to be in the area? Is it physically attractive? progressive? safe?

Site. If you need land, is a suitable lot available? For how much? What about its topography? Is it necessary to excavate or to put in landfill? Will grading and land clearing be necessary? Is it properly titled? Is there a need to relocate squatters? Is there a proper way of disposing waste?

If your business site is within a building, what do you need in terms of lighting, airconditioning, and parking? How much is the owner asking in terms of initial deposit and monthly rent? How long is the lease contract? How much will it cost you to renovate the place?

If the location does not satisfy all your requirements, you have good reason to continue looking for one that is more appropriate.

(Call local government unit executives. Make your LGU an enterprise-friendly location to generate jobs for your constituency. Check out the UP ISSI's Enterprise Development Promotion Course for Local Executives by calling Ver Acain at Tel. 926-6316 or 928-7076.)

Singapore's marine industry thrives amid slowdown

SINGAPORE—Singapore's economy may be hitting the rocks in many sectors, but it's full steam ahead for the marine industry, which is scrambling to fill 4,000 jobs in the city state.

"Despite the world's economic problems, the industry itself is facing a situation which is the reverse," said Heng Chiang Gnee, president of the Association of Singapore Marine Industries (Asmi).

"We've never had such a strong order book in the history of the industry. It's more than S$5 billion ($2.72 billion)."

The marine industry is made up of ship repair, ship and rig building as well as offshore conversion of vessels.

Singapore's marine industry, which accounts for about 16 percent of the global market for ship repair and 60 percent of the market for building jack-up rigs, posted 45 percent growth on the year in the first nine months, the Economic Development Board said.

This contrasts with the wider economy which is going through its worst economic recession since independence in 1965.

Heng said the ship repair industry was seeing brisk trade as shipowners took the opportunity to send in their vessels for repair during the current downturn.

"When economies slow down, the deployment of ships also shrinks. More owners tend to put their ships in for repair, so there's a time lag effect, which creates very strong ship repair demand for us."

Volatile oil

Albert Goh, analyst at Kim Eng Securities, told Reuters high oil prices, which went up to around US$35 per barrel in late 2000, also helped spark a boom for the industry.

"Tanker rates also shot up due to the high oil prices ... that made offshore exploration even more profitable so we saw some of these rig-building orders and especially offshore conversion orders from some of the oil majors," he said.

Heng brushed aside concerns over volatile oil prices, which could affect demand for rig-building and offshore projects.

"Despite the fall in the oil prices below $20 ... in terms of the offshore business, we foresee that the change in the oil price would not create any negative impact for the near-term," he said.

"If (oil) starts dipping down below US$15 and so on, then I will begin to look at it more carefully."

Brent crude futures on the International Petroleum Exchange, which hit a 29-month low of US$16.65 on Monday, were back above $19 in early London trade on Thursday.

In another area of the maritime industry the situation is more gloomy for the container sector.

Seminar rescheduled

Due to schedule constraints, the Dare to Fail seminar of Billi Lim, top author and Failure Guru, scheduled for Nov. 29, 2001has been moved to the third week of February 2002 at the same venue, Dusit Hotel Nikko.

The new date for the seminar will be announced shortly. For more information, please email to babylonsisters@yahoo.com or contact telefax 813-4237.

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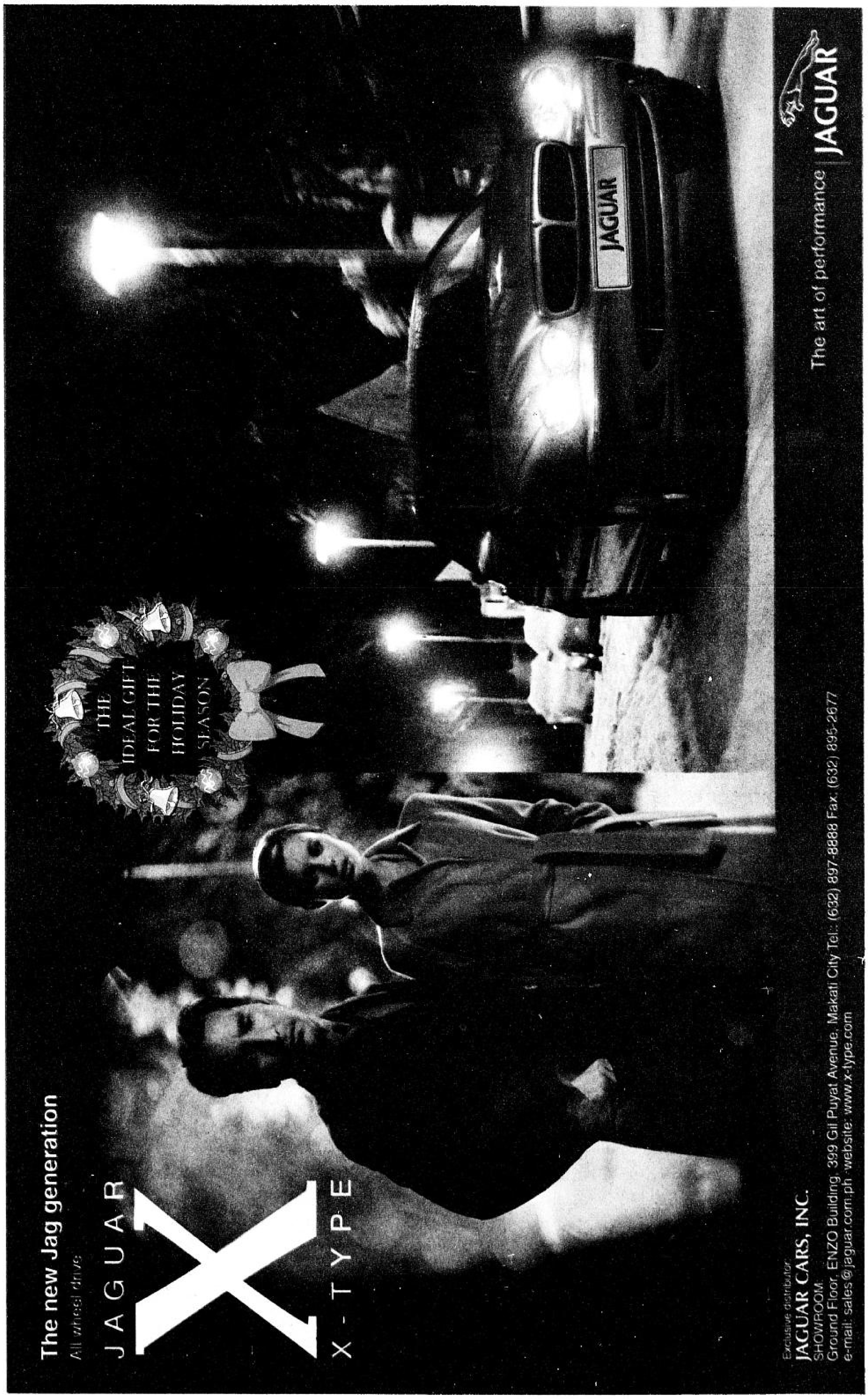

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Second opinion: opening doors to the world's best doctors

FILIPINOS can now get medical attention from the world's best doctors through the wonders of telemedicine, the provision of medical care from any part of the world to another. Through telemedicine, people no longer have to travel far and spend precious money to get second opinion from doctors abroad. Today, Second Opinion makes medical expertise available to Filipinos from the telemedicine centers of University of California San Francisco, which is at the core of a Telequest network of several other US hospitals.

Second Opinion provides peace of mind, the most important factor when disease strikes. A sick person will always want to be assured that a doctor's diagnosis of his disease is right. As much as possible, a patient will want to consult with the best doctors and this is where Second Opinion can offer great help.

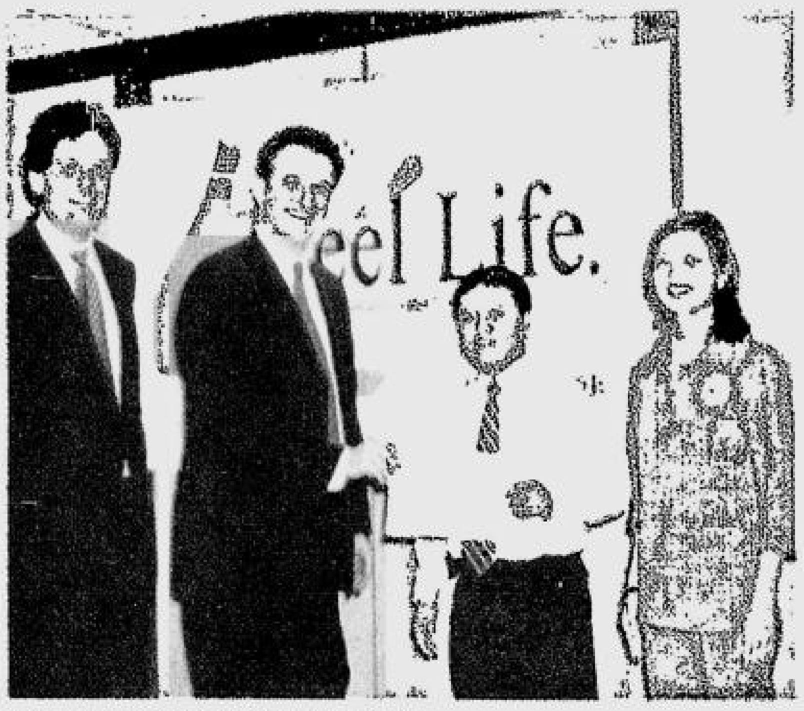
Well-to-do patients travel to the ends of the world to find a doctor who they think can help them. But for those who cannot afford to leave, they content themselves with whatever is within their reach and they live with a gnawing feeling that they cannot really be cured because they have no access to the world's best medical doctors.

Second Opinion Philippines has, so far, gathered a large number of subscribers. Launched last year, it is part of a worldwide network of 13 countries affiliated with and directly connected to the University of California San Francisco. It is available here in the form of membership offered to large institutions with large client base who, in turn, provide it is a "value-added service" to their customers. Offering the subscriptions in bulk to bigger corporations ensure cheaper rates.

Getting medical help through Second Opinion involves simple steps. First, the patient takes his case to the Second Opinion office, along with his medical test results which may include x-rays, MRI, CT scans, electrocardiograms, and the like. Second Opinion then transmits these results to the UCSF with the use of the digitalizer, within seconds and in very high resolution. After evaluation by the UCSF doctors, the diagnosis is then sent back within a few days to Second Opinion which, in turn, relays the results to the patients. Second Opinion can also arrange a videoconference between the patient and/or his local doctor and the UCSF specialists in case he wants to ask more questions or seek more clarifications.

PLDT, TELEMESSAGE SIGN AGREEMENT

Telecoms leader PLDT recently signed a network facility provisioning agreement with Telemessage Philippines Inc. to provide 1-909 Embassy Information Service Number facilities. Telemessage provides call center services to the Australian Embassy for inquiries on visa information, application and processing to those who dial 1909-3622779. This 1-909 number could be accessed through all PLDT landlines, PLDT Teletipid, PLDT calling offices and PLDT 109 operator service at P18/minute. Shown during the contract signing, seated from left are PLDT business solutions assistant vice president Nerissa Ramos; PLDT corporate business group senior vice president Alfredo Panlilio; Telemessage CEO and chair Ma-an Hontiveros, Delbros president Jose Eduardo Delgado; and Australian Embassy senior migration officer, skilled migration unit Peter Castrission. Standing from left are Telemessage marketing and sales manager Johnny Quintos; PLDT business solutions product specialist Connie Macatula; Buñag Kapunan Migallos and Perez Law Offices lawyer Lester Flores; Delbros assistant vice president Eduardo San Juan; and Telemessage personal assistant to the chair and CEO/administration manager Aye Ubaldo.



2ND FEEL LIFE MILLIONAIRE

Ferdinand L. Lopez, 40, employee of Eastern Telecoms, is the second lucky winner of a million in the ING Life Insurance Co. (Phils.), Inc.'s Feel Life 'spot-the-sticker, get a chance to win a million contest'. Presenting to him his certificate entitling him to a million in cash benefits (ING Savings Accelerator Package) is Rien S.P.P. Hermans, ING Life president and CEO (second from left) and Arjan Bol, FVP for marketing and sales (left). Also shown is Pie Ortigoza, marketing project manager for ING Life (right). ING Life is scheduled to give out three more one million prizes in cash and education benefits to car owners spotted with the Feel Life sticker in the next few months. Feel Life stickers are available in Shell Service Stations in Metro Manila.

LEO GETS A RADIO AD AWARD

Creative director Dino Jalandoni (right) of Leo Burnett Manila shows off the radio ad award that his team won at the recent New York International Advertising Festival. The team is huddled around the life-size mockup of the late Leo Burnett, the founder of global advertising giant Leo Burnett Worldwide. With Jalandoni are associate account director Kara Filamor (left) and copywriter Martin Aviles.

MANILA WATER REACHES OUT

Manila Water recently gave children from poor communities in Cubao, Quezon City assorted toys and books under its 'Lingap sa Bata' program. The toys and books were donated by donors from England. Shown are MWC Sagip Buhay president Alice Manalo, Cubao business area manager Joey Cadorna and employees distributing the packages to the children.

Ammfi toasts 10

THE ASSOCIATION of Materials Managers in Financial Institutions (Ammfi) with 20 bank members held its Annual Buyers Night at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel Ballroom last Nov. 23. Ammfi's theme for 2001 is "Empowerment of AMMFI Members to meet the challenges of the 21st Century''. At the same time, Ammfi is celebrating its 10th year. As part of the 10-year presentation, there was a video show which highlighted the beginnings of Ammfi in 1991. Also included in the program was the presentation of "Ammfi Members on the Ramp". Entertainment was provided by Livewire Band.

IABC workshop on the 'Gold Quill'

THE INTERNATIONAL Association of Business Communicators (IABC) Philippine Chapter is inviting all corporate communications and public relations practitioners and information officers to enter their communication programs in the first Gold Quill Philippines awards. ''How to craft the winning Gold Quill entry'', a workshop on techniques in winning the award will be held on Nov. 27, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Club 1851, 20th floor of the BPI head office, Ayala Avenue corner Paseo de Roxas, Makati City. Entry forms and other info are available through the IABC secretariat. Deadline for entries is on December 28. Call Gretchen Recto at 813-8883, or the Secretariat at 816-9116 or 816-9439.

Computer application for SMEs

THE PRODUCTIVITY and Development Center of the Development Academy of the Philippines (PDC-DAP) is inviting small and medium enterprise (SME) owners, managers, supervisors and planners to its training course on computer application in production planning and control from Nov. 27 to 29 at the Audio-Visual Room, DAP Conference Center, San Miguel Avenue, Pasig City. Interested applicants may inquire at 631-2156 or 631-0921 to 30, loc. 135, and look for Cecille Sandoval or Neneth Villareal.

'Being Happy' AUTHOR SPEAKS

EVENTS 20/20 announced the Philippine launch of ''Being a Happy Teenager'' from Andrew Matthews ongoing until Nov. 30. Matthews, who is also a cartoonist and motivational speaker, keynotes the ''Being a Happy Teenager'' motivational/inspirational conference at the On Stage in Greenbelt, Makati on Nov. 28. Registration starts at 1 p.m. Program starts at 3 p.m. He will also conduct book-signings in leading bookstores nationwide, and guest in various TV programs. For more details, call Events 20/20 at 834-1706 or e-mail ctb520@i-next.net.

PCHA 26th convention

THE PHILIPPINE College of Hospital Administrators (PCHA), in cooperation with United Laboratories Inc., will observe its 26th annual convention and induction ceremonies on Nov. 27 at the Hyatt Regency Manila, Roxas Boulevard, Manila, with the theme ''The Business Side of Hospital Administration''. The event starts at 8 p.m. with welcome remarks by PCHA president Dr. Antonio A Chang with guest of honor DOH Secretary Dr. Manuel M. Dayrit, M.Sc. For more information, call the PCHA secretariat at 924-1527, 0917-7520994, or visit www.stjude.edu.ph/pcha or e-mail pcha@mla.nsclub.net.

GOLDILOCKS NEW STORE LOOK

Even from a distance, one will already notice something refreshingly different about the new Goldilocks store in Isetann, C.M. Recto. On its 35th year, Goldilocks – the largest bakeshop in the Philippines and one of the major fastfood players in the country – has obviously gone out of its way to create a fresh new look for its stores. Bold from the outside while inside, eye-popping signage attracts potential customers and loyal patrons alike, the latest in architectural and industrial design can be seen and felt in everything from menu boards to posters and even price tags.

FGU AWARDS RACE CHAMPION

FGU Insurance Corp. president Alfonso L. Salcedo Jr. (fourth from left) awards the champion's cup to Rudy Berot of Pangasinan, the latest winner in FGU's Race 4 Your Rewards monthly sales drive. Looking on are (from left) direct agencies head Abet Santos, general agencies and brokers head Lulu Morada, operations head Caloy Fragante and national sales director Hermie Bereña (partly hidden). FGU is the non-life insurance arm of the Ayala Group of Companies and a direct affiliate of the Bank of the Philippine Islands.

UST SCHOLARS TOUR PHILIPS PLANT

University of Sto. Tomas (UST) scholarship committee chair Fr. Roberto Pinto (front row, third from left) poses with UST students during a familiarization tour at the Philips Semiconductors-Calamba (PSC) plant in Laguna. The students are recipients of the PSC scholarship, a program which aims to uplift the competence of Filipino engineers in order to improve the country's competitiveness in the global semiconductor market. PSC is a state-of-the-art facility for the assembly and testing of integrated circuits and operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week in compliance with the company's commitment to its customers. Also in photo is UST College of Engineering dean Marilyn Mabini (second row, 5th from right).

Is dirty cash still finding a Swiss home?

GENEVA—Bankers' greed and regulatory loopholes risk undermining official efforts to dispel the view that Switzerland is a safe haven for ill-gotten gains, experts say.

An international clampdown on money laundering after the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States has put Switzerland under the spotlight because of its financial privacy laws and the fact that it houses a third of the world's offshore wealth.

Swiss officials insist that tight bank secrecy does not mask dirty money and that the country's anti-money laundering laws and due diligence procedures are among the world's toughest.

"Swiss bank secrecy protects neither terrorists nor those who support criminal organizations, nor any form of criminal activity, corruption or money laundering," Economy minister Pascal Couchepin told Reuters.

Switzerland has taken significant steps to tighten rules in recent years and now insists that a bank has proof of the true owner of the funds before opening an account.

Bank secrecy is lifted at the slightest whiff of suspicious funds, due diligence departments have been reinforced, and any financial intermediary which handles money for clients must employ a lawyer or external auditor to attest where new funds come from and whether they are clean.

Despite this, Interfor Inc., New York private investigators specializing in asset recovery around the world, tracked down $300 million in dirty money from Swiss banks last year.

Interfor president Juval Aviv reckons banks will circumvent laws to boost deposits, and that supervision is not strict enough when it comes to the shadowy parabanking sector.

Parabanking refers to people or firms who handle money on behalf of clients but aren't banks—like lawyers, trustees and asset managers.

Poor supervision of these intermediaries could hide the movement of illicit funds which may be linked to crime, drug trafficking, or even terrorism, while bankers find it easier to ignore the rules than say "no" to a wealthy client, Aviv said.

Glaring gaps

The most glaring gap in control concerns this sector where trustees, asset managers and lawyers handle vast sums of money on behalf of clients but do not own the funds.

Switzerland's Money Laundering Control Authority, which tackles this area, has suffered from a lack of funding and manpower, and five bosses have quit in the four years since its setup.

The sixth, Dina Balleyguier, has been in the job a matter of weeks and says the pressure is on to produce results.

While the body has successfully set up 12 self-regulating organizations to monitor some 6,000 financial intermediaries, no inspections have been carried out.

"We have not done one check," Balleyguier told Reuters, adding that personnel problems, a bad atmosphere and the feeling that the organization was always under attack had delayed operations. She plans to increase her staff to 25 from 10 now and begin inspecting at the start of next year.

However even where inspections are carried out regularly, the penalties are not harsh enough, Aviv says.

The Swiss Federal Banking Commission (EBK), which employs licensed external auditors to carry out annual inspections at banks in Switzerland and in offshore centers, can demand organizational changes and force banks to sack managers for a lack of due diligence.

It can withdraw a bank's license, although it has never done so for a money laundering offense. But its greatest power is publicizing those banks who fall short, as it did in the case of late Nigerian strongman Sani Abacha who spirited some $3 billion out of Nigeria, $600 million of which was found in Swiss banks.

"Naming and shaming is a hard deterrent. It can do some serious reputational damage," said EBK spokesperson Daniel Zuberbuehler.

Aviv believes that banks, mindful of costs in today's tough economic climate, are only paying lip service to the global regulatory clampdown, and are not afraid to bend the rules.

"There's no authority with real teeth. What happens when the banks are found out? They get a fine or a letter and that's the end of it. The banks are thinking: 'Who is going to catch them?' No one. And if they do, what are they going to do about it? Nothing," he said.

Balleyguier, a lawyer with eight years' experience at the EBK and a Financial Action Task Force member, disagrees.

"I don't think the regulation can be improved . . . In the banking field, the rules have been applied for a very long time. It doesn't prevent accidents happening—like Abacha—but all in all it works well," she said.

Passing the buck

But the law is unclear when it comes to determining who has ultimate responsibility for making sure that the beneficial owner of the funds is clean.

Banks say a fiduciary—who collects money from a client but does not manage the money—must provide a list of the true owners of the assets he deposits at the bank. It is not the bank's job to "play policeman" and check if he is telling the truth. The bank assumes he has done the required due diligence.

Balleyguier, however, says the buck stops with the banks.

"If the bank accepts the funds it has to do the due diligence itself or be confident that the intermediary has done it right. If there's an accident, it's the responsibility of the bank," she said.

Relationships based on trust, characteristic of the Swiss financial scene, often mean banks take fiduciaries at their word rather than carrying out proper checks.

"Existing clients provide you with information and you rely on that. It's a trustworthy relationship and sometimes you skip the due diligence," admitted one banker.

"Banks tell you they rely on the middle man but the money managers rely on the banks and no one does anything," said Aviv. *Reuters*

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refined. The researchers are sent on field to investigate the projects, snapping pictures and taking video footage along the way.

The findings are compiled.

G-Watch presents the findings to the agencies. This is their opportunity to verify or dispute the data and to look into the bottlenecks. The meetings become problem-solving sessions. Finally, the reports are released to the public.

Budget Secretary Emilia Boncodin says that G-Watch is not a watchdog but a cooperative effort. Education Undersecretary Ernesto Pangan adds it is consistent with the "sunshine policy" of his department: all deals must be done in the light of full transparency.

Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit remarks that the monitoring will make his work easier.

A simple monitoring tool

Central to G-Watch is the monitoring tool called the "matrix." This is a set of sheets for comparing promises with performance. It contains a simple list of indicators, documents to request, questions to ask. Here are some of the performance indicators:

- Delay between target completion date and actual completion date.
- Difference between original project cost and actual project cost.
- Differences between project commitment (e.g. concrete road) and actual accomplishment (e.g. asphalt road).
- Difference between number of books to be delivered to the school and the number actually received.
- Number of textbooks returned due to poor condition.
- Number of rejects, or drug deliveries past their expiration dates.

The difference between the promise and the actual achievement is called the "variance." This may take the form of delay, overshooting the budget, or substandard quality.

Delays are costly

Delays matter, for they waste the people's money. Projects that junk their original schedules tend to incur overhead costs. The government also has to pay more to the contractors and consultants. As the months pass, prices rise and the old budget is no longer valid.

Worse, the depreciation of the peso adds to the final bill.

As such, the government agency is pressured to hike its project budget.

Even if the original budget remains, the people end up paying for the delays. The contractors try to cut corners by slashing the number of health centers to be built.

Then G-Watch consultant Patricia Sto. Tomas has said, "it's as if the price for inefficiency is additional money."

Revolutionary innovation from Manila

Terence Jones, resident representative of the United Nations Development Program, praises the synergy arising from G-Watch. There is a need, he says, for an active, organized civil society to work closely with the government.

Robert Vance Pulley, country director of the World Bank in Manila, calls the partnership "revolutionary." In fact the bank is spreading the word to other countries about this innovation from Manila.

Revolutionary solutions are needed at this time. According to one estimate, the government loses some P200 billion every year because of graft and corruption. *(Send comments to dmarroyo@hotmail.com.)*

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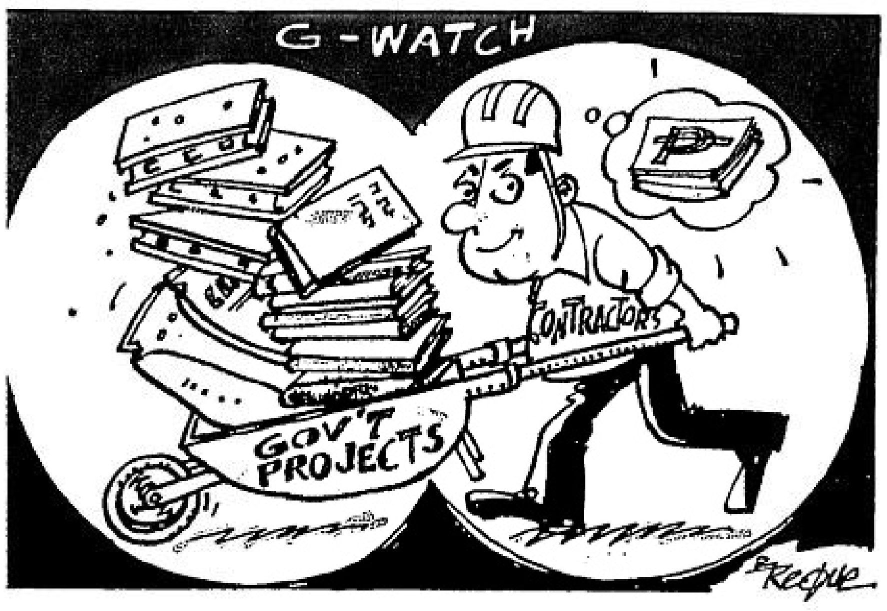

A FEW years from now the effort may draw lots of plain people. Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs) discover graft in the construction of local schools. Faxes fly across the Philippines to report on the scam.

Something "revolutionary" has arrived, and it's called Government Watch or G-Watch. It is a means to empower ordinary Filipinos to monitor public projects. On its second year, G-Watch has signed agreements with the Departments of Health, Education, Public Works, Social Welfare, and Budget and Management.

Attack on corruption

The idea is to compare what was promised, say 5,700 textbooks in a certain school, with what was delivered, say only 4,300 textbooks. In the case of public works, was the highway constructed on time and within the budget? Or was much money diverted to sleazy contractors?

The effort attacks a major base of corruption. It helps ensure that funds meant to serve the poor do indeed serve them. It is particularly important now that a limited budget tempts politicians to cut down on social spending.

Government Watch takes off from civil society, in particular, the Philippine Governance Forum (PGF) based in the Ateneo Professional Schools at Rockwell. It is the brainchild of Patricia Sto. Tomas and Emilia Boncodin, who have become respectively, labor secretary and budget secretary.

Directing PGF is Joel Pagsanghan, and coordinating G-Watch is Simon Peter Gregorio.

Ammunition for reformers

As said by PGF convenor Dr. Alfredo Bengzon, the point of G-Watch is to improve performance. The effort provides a "performance signpost" where the data can be made public.

It helps create a bridge for civil society groups to intervene in government projects. It identifies problems and bottlenecks. Because of its simplicity, it empowers the average Filipino to monitor these projects.

And it gives ammunition for reformers within government bureaus.

G-Watch works closely with government departments, especially the Department of Budget and Management. It is supported by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the World Bank.

Data for problem-solving

The process goes like this. The government and G-Watch first agree on what departments and projects are to be monitored. Then the monitoring tool is developed and

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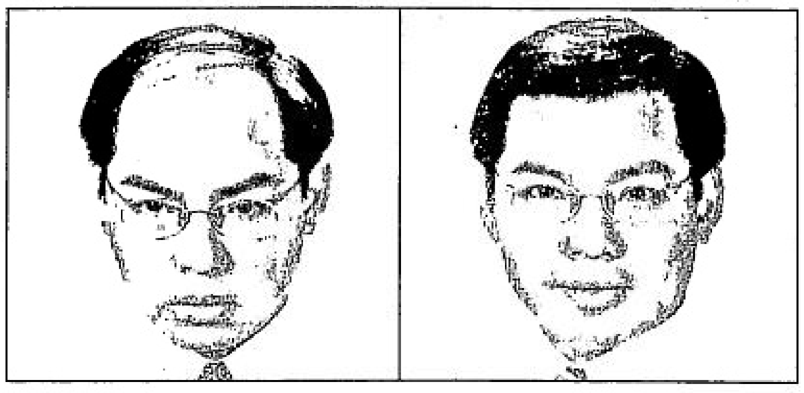

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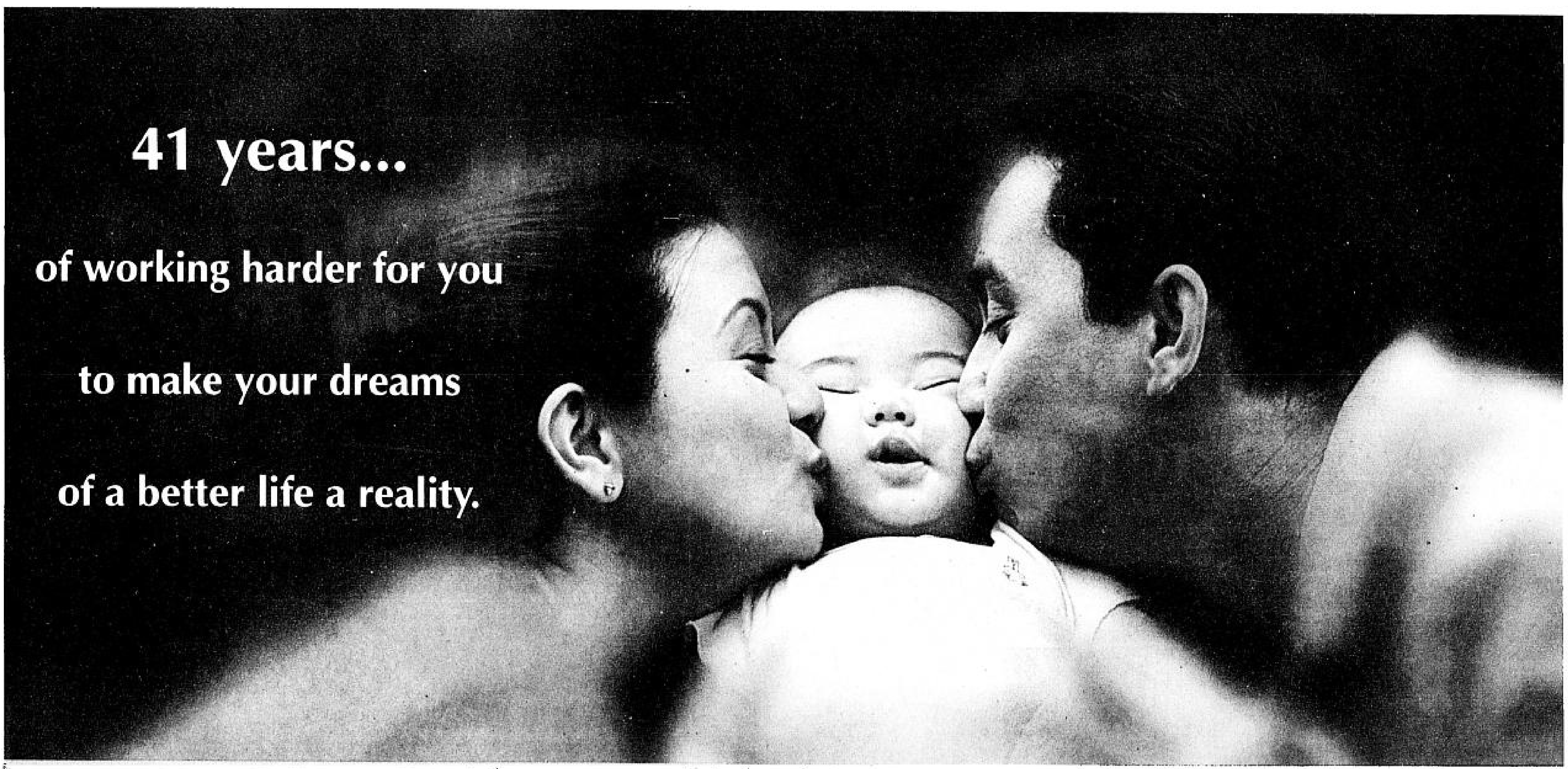
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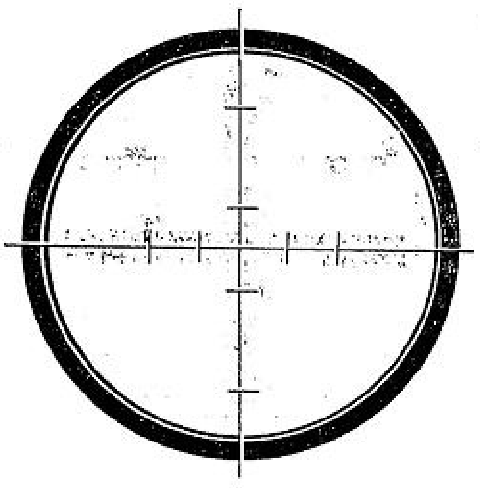


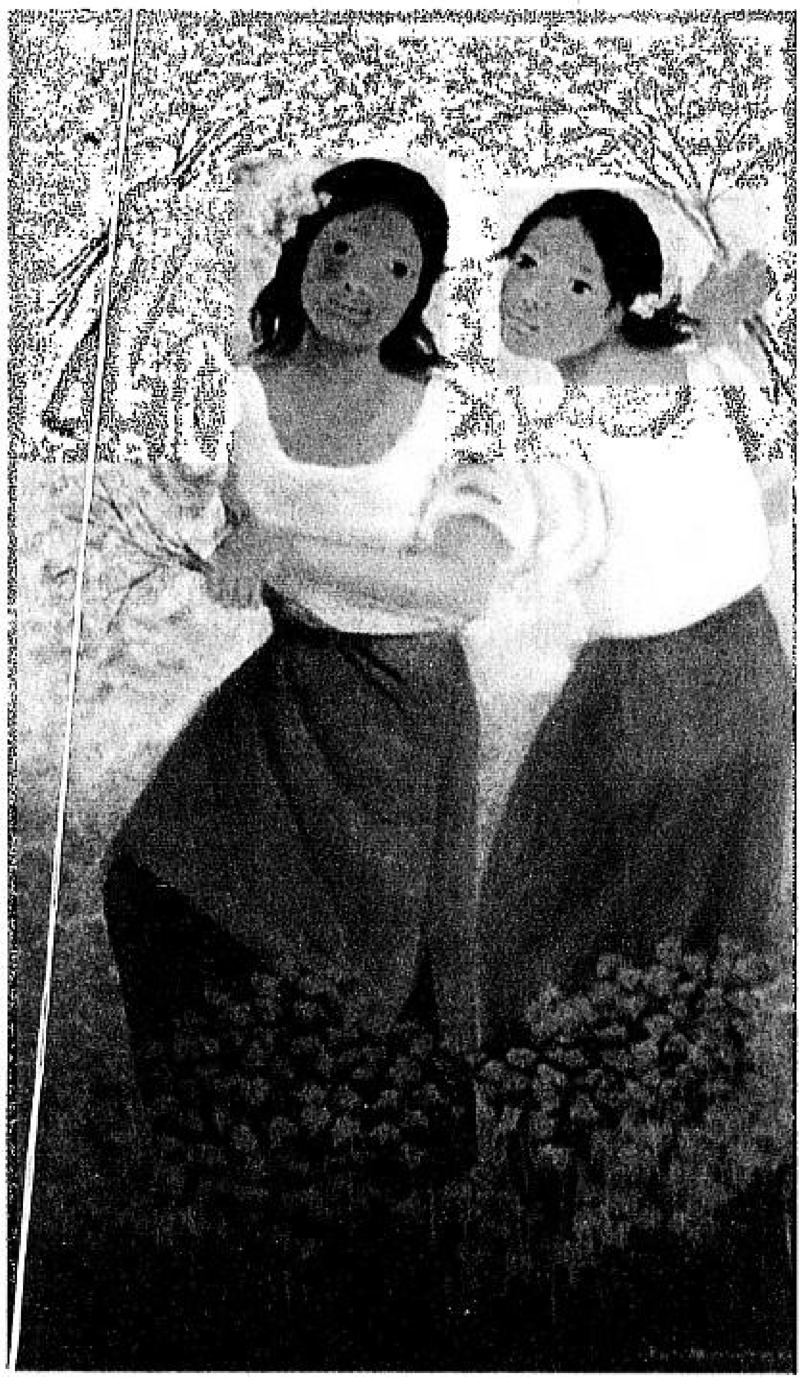
FROM GREY

Beyond decorative art

By Constantino C. Tejero

ANY Anita Magsaysay Ho piece must be the Mercedes of the art world. This may be a case of the obvious merit of the work overwhelmed by a resounding name.

In the show "Four Paintings and a Sculpture," ongoing until Nov. 30 at The Crucible Gallery, 4/F Building A, SM Megamall, are Ho's recent works in acrylic on canvas and a bust in bronze in all their blazing glory. A promenader cannot just pass by without turning and taking a second look at those neon colors burning through the plate-glass wall of the gallery.

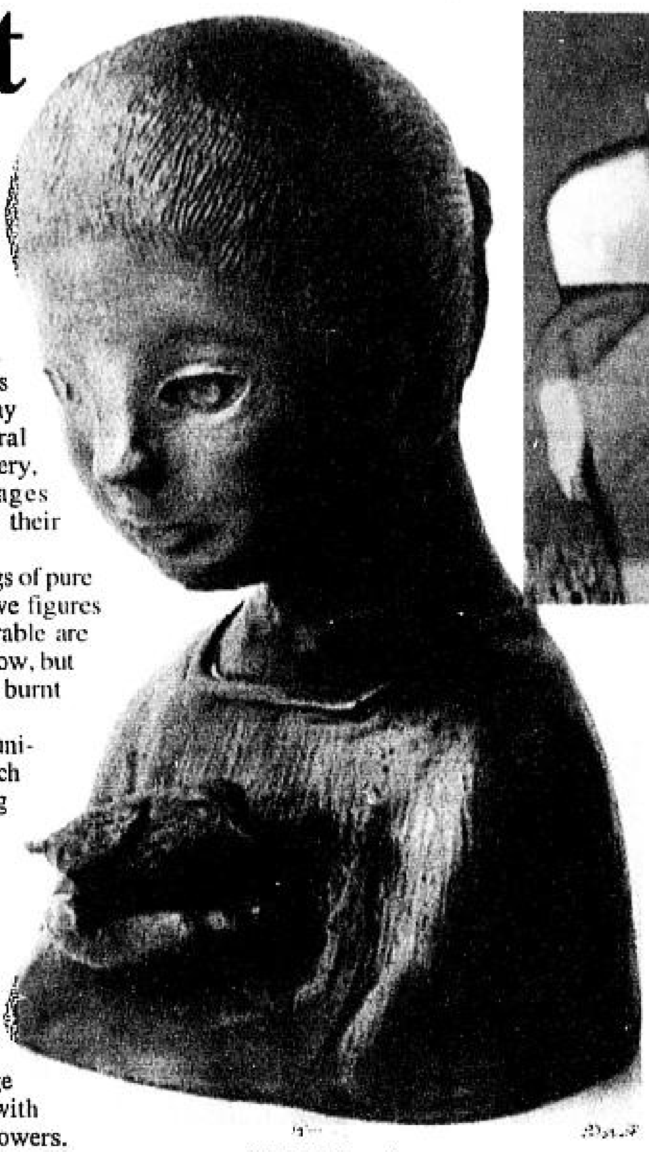

"KAKAWATI Dance"

These are simple rural images (one is tempted to call them Philippine naïfs), but their sheer chromatic intensity cauterizes the viewer's consciousness. It is not an exaggeration to say that, after walking several meters away from the gallery, you'd still see the images igniting the vivid air with their hues.

These are almost paintings of pure color, if only they don't have figures in them. Especially memorable are the acid-green and ripe yellow, but also the brilliant blue and burnt orange.

The four paintings are uniformly sized at 36" x 20", each portraying two young women who almost look the same as sisters ought to be, with nature motifs of foliage, fruits and flowers, accessories of fan, parasol and bandanna.

"Kakawati Dance" shows the two women in yellow *kimona* and blue *tapis* dancing amid foliage while brandishing twigs with pink froth of *kakawati* flowers. The eyes are brought to focus by the yellow, while the ethereality of the pink contrasts with the browned, thick-lipped faces.

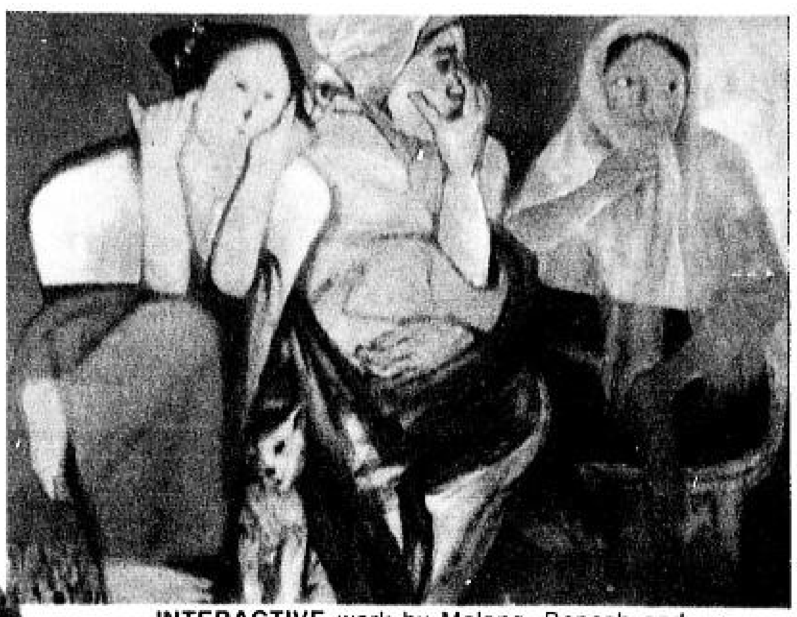

"LOVE for the Birds"

The other three pieces are variations on the fruit motif. The orange of "Pineapple Harvest" becomes the yellow of the "Banana Farm" and the green and yellow-orange of the mangoes and cashews of "Fruit Vendors."

There is a purity of form in the women's gestures and figures, the lines clean, the poses almost studied. A long and closer look into those faces and you see how these pieces go beyond decorative art. Because in their nuances, the artist has succeeded in capturing characteristics that are unmistakably human: the maidenish pout, the coyness in those eyes.

The bronze sculpture "Love for the Birds" also possesses a similar quality of simplicity that's almost classical. The nurturing gesture of the young woman holding a small bird on her palm, from the arc of her neck to the curve of her forehead, recalls the Madonna and Child.

> The sheer chromatic intensity of Magsaysay-Ho's works cauterizes the consciousness


INTERACTIVE work by Malang, Bencab and Magsaysay-Ho

Also in the exhibit is an interactive painting titled "Women," a lovely portrait of three seated women with a cat, done by Ho, Malang and Bencab. (At 36" x 48", it is priced the same as the much smaller Ho paintings, despite the fact that it's been created by three major Filipino artists.)

The first woman is recognizably Malang's, for its geometric figure, tiny Chinese facial features and vivid hues of yellow, red and indigo. The cat is possibly also Malang's, for its angular face, which almost looks the same as the woman's.

The second woman is Bencab's, for its roundish figure, indigenous features and monochrome of charcoal and clay. The third is surely Ho's, for those shy almond eyes and the frothy pink of her shawl, reminiscent of *kakawati* blooms.

SIA launches art contest for kids

SINGAPORE Airlines' Young Explorers Club (YEC), the airlines' frequent flyer program for kids, recently launched an art contest aimed at encouraging its members to explore their imagination and creativity.

Dubbed "Design Your Dream Airplane," the contest is open to all YEC members 2-12 years old. Members will receive their invitations via mail from SIA. To join, YEC members must sketch, draw or paint the interior of their "dream airplane" on a ¼-size illustration board. The use of any medium such as crayon, Craypas, watercolor, etc. will be acceptable. Kids can come up with cute, funny, wild or any creative accessories that may catch their fancy in designing their airplane.

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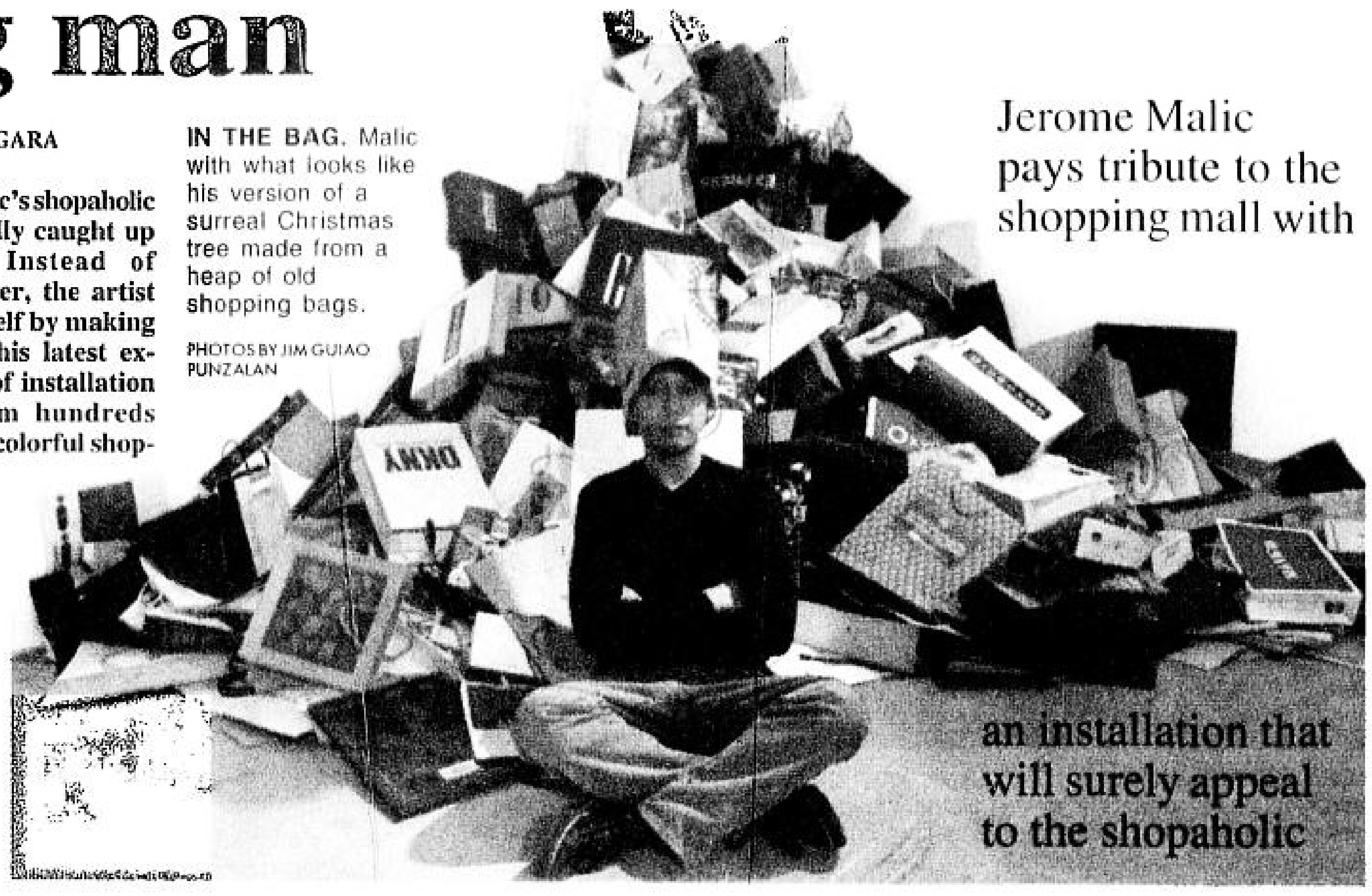
By Alex Y. Vergara



IN THE BAG. Malic with what looks like his version of a surreal Christmas tree made from a heap of old shopping bags.

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Jerome Malic pays tribute to the shopping mall with an installation that will surely appeal to the shopaholic

JEROME Malic's shopaholic past has finally caught up with him. Instead of denying it, however, the artist poked fun at himself by making it the subject of his latest exhibition: a series of installation pieces made from hundreds upon hundreds of colorful shopping bags the painter had accumulated for nearly a decade.

"Manininggal," Malic's 11th solo show and his first foray into installation art, is showing at the Cultural Center of the Philippines' Small Gallery until Dec. 31. Admission is free.

Malic may be an unabashed mall rat, but he's certainly the antithesis of the eccentric painter who wouldn't be caught dead inside the clean, air-conditioned confines of, say, the Alabang Town Center. On the contrary, he used to find himself going to his favorite shopping haunts—browsing through books, trying on new shoes, sampling the latest dishes, checking out the newest home accessories or snapping up the latest "Star Wars" merchandise.

Like millions of faceless mallers, Malic basked in the pseudo-therapeutic effects of shopping. "I used to be an impulsive buyer," he confesses. "I always ended up buying something every time I stepped inside a mall."

It seems he's a creature of habit as well. Soon after every shopping foray, Malic neatly folded those attractive paper bags and stacked them inside huge plastic bags stored inside overhead cabinets. The more generic ones made of plastic ended up as thrash and all-purpose bags.

"I wasn't collecting them," says Malic. For some reason, however, the artist in him was probably drawn to the textures, colors and graphic designs that went into each bag. He unwittingly hoarded them with no specific purpose in mind.

"In a way," he says, "these beautiful but empty shopping bags are a lot like people. We try to look our best through the clothes and shoes we wear, but most of the time we feel empty inside."

Kaleidoscope

Sometime last year, when Malic was thinking of ways to avail of CCP's grant, he hit upon the idea of putting up installation pieces made of shopping bags. Or should we say the bags hit him.

He opened an overhead cabinet to look for something and before he knew it, a huge sack of a plastic bag filled with a kaleidoscope of smaller shopping bags fell on him. "I was astounded at the sheer volume," he recalls. "There were more from where they came from!"

If getting a head injury from the heap was remote, waking up with the house on fire wasn't. Malic knew he had to reuse them, throw them away or risk living with a looming fire hazard. Reuse them he did. It didn't take long before the folded thrash turned into a "statement," a documentary of sorts of the long hours he spent at the malls.

"When I broached the idea to friends," he says, "they immediately liked it. Being mallers themselves, many empathized with me. Almost all of them agreed that such an exhibit is very me."

Sure, Malic could have channeled his efforts to more commercial concerns. The CCP grant, however, only provides support to non-commercial ventures. Family and friends gave close to 10 percent of the shopping bags featured.

The Small Gallery, which has become Malic's medium, is divided into several sections. Together with two friends, it took him almost a day to mount his vision of shoppings past. Like Christmas lanterns or summertime *pabitin*, the centerpiece made up of more than 80 shopping bags tied to varying lengths of nylon strings attached to the ceiling greets guests.

"I didn't anymore attempt to make an inventory of shopping bags in this gallery," he says with a grin.

Right next to a heap of, yes, shopping bags bunched in a corner like a surreal Christmas tree is an abstract composition juxtaposing black and white bags with red accents. Lining the opposite side are identical bags from Starbucks, and rounding up the corner are several bright bags from Mango, the women's clothes store.

No cross-dresser

Mango? Malic, the only boy in the family, is no cross-dresser. The bags used to hold gifts to his sisters. Indeed, the entire display of shopping bags is like an affirmation of the artist's preferences.

An assembly of high-end signature brands, from Armani to Louis Vuitton, to *bagets* staples such as Replay, Old Navy, Nike, Gap and Bench hang from the ceiling. It also attests to his love for books as showed by bags from Page One, Bookmark, the Discovery Channel, the Museum of Modern Art and the New York Museum of Natural History. And, of course, fast-food joints such as California Pizza Kitchen and Mrs. Fields.

"Most of the bags from the US used to contain *pasalubong* from my mom," he says. "I haven't been there and that's fine. I'd run out of money if I ever get caught in one of those malls there."

But Malic's days as an incorrigible shopper are now over, he insists. His fashion sense hasn't diminished, mind you, but he's no longer the brand-conscious clotheshorse he once was. The epiphany came two years ago. He soon realized that the money he squandered on what he considered then as essentials would have been better spent on his art.

"I used to scrimp on art supplies to finance my shopping sprees," he says. "But how would I grow as an artist if I keep on using the same inferior materials?" The current Christmas season would prove to be another test of Malic's resolve.

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Art connoisseurs lead Met Museum

HEADED by Jose D.Y. Campos Jr. as president and Ino Manalo as director, the Metropolitan Museum of Manila promises to continue its long legacy of cultural dynamism and innovative programs.

Campos is one of the country's most discerning art collectors, and is a trustee of the Asia Society Phils. Foundation, aside from being a businessman of consequence. Manalo has been a significant figure in cultural and educational circles. He was involved with the Metrobank Foundation's art competitions and national teachers awards and, most recently, was chair of the Unesco's Culture and Development Experts Meeting.

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Alvarado at Hiraya, R.M. de Leon at Firma

VISUAL ARTS

BACOLOD-BASED artist Nunelucio Alvarado is holding his latest show, "Field Trip," at the Hiraya Gallery (530 United Nations Ave., Ermita, Manila) until Dec. 7. The show is a rare departure from his social realist philosophy in its unabashed escapism, idyllic mood and brilliant colors. Call 523-3331.

R.M. DE LEON AT FIRMA. R. M de Leon will show his newest works on paper at Firma (616 Julio Nakpil St., Malate, Manila) on Nov. 29 to Jan. 5. There will be opening cocktails. Call 525-5001.

THREE-MAN SHOW AT CITIBANK. The Choice Expression Gallery offers a triple treat exhibit, "Three at the Top," at the Top of the Citi (34/F, Citibank Tower, Paseo de Roxas, Makati City) today. The show presents the recent works of sculptor Luisito B. Ac-ac and painters Jose Graciel "Boy" Mata and Louie Tolentino.

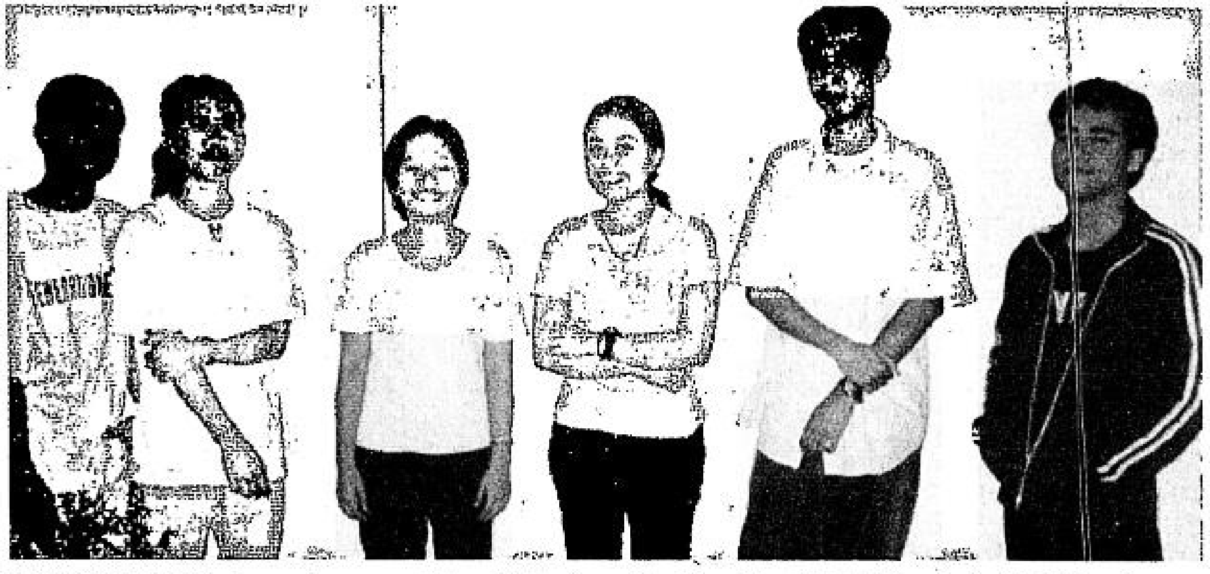
GROUP EXHIBIT AT INTER-CON. Four exceptional young artists hold an exhibit at the Hotel Inter-Continental Manila's lobby Art Cafe until tomorrow. Dubbed "How to Measure a Painting: 3 x 4—," an exhibit of 3 ft x 4 ft abstract paintings on irregularly shaped canvas. All 12 mixed media artworks by Lexygius Calip, Jonathan Castro, Eugene Jarque and Jojo Lofranco boldly rule on painting dimensions.

ESCORA AT DRAWING ROOM. Kiko Escora, a young artist known for his "café society" series, mounts a one-man show of large format charcoal drawings at The Drawing Room (Metrostar Building, 1007 Metropolitan Ave, Makati City) until Nov. 28. Call 897-7877/6990.

TRAVELING EXHIBIT. "Endramada" is an exhibit of young artists—Allan Alcantara, Riovic Acallar, Aaron Bautista, Michael de Guzman, Michael Dujua, Carlos Francisco II, Ambhet Lugtu, Zarah Jane Merced, Katrina Miranda, Paul Greco Miranda, Emerson Salmorin, Isidro Santos and Rommel Tuazon—whose works feature a continuance and an alteration of the rich and colorful palette of the previous generation. On view at the Nemiranda Arthouse II (Manila East Road Hi-way, Angono, Rizal) until Nov. 30. Call 638-4113 or 295-2860.

GROUP EXHIBIT. "Depleted," a group show featuring functional art pieces, is on view at The Drawing Room until Nov. 28. Participating artists are Eng Chan, Eric L. Zamuco and Claro Ramirez. Call 897-6990/7877.

PASAY City Mayor Peewee Trinidad, assisted by Rep. Connie Dy during the opening ceremony of "Mula Noon... Hanggang Ngayon," at the Visual Concepts Gallery (580 Edsa, Malibay, Pasay City). From left, artist Paul Dimalanta, the gallery curator, Cora Ilagan, Emilie Garcia, Freddie Cruz, Ed Otis Oronos and Jaime Medina.



"SIX SQUARES" features six young artists—Marina Lynn Cruz, Lea Lim, Butch Estandante, Rodel Garcia, Troy Ignacio and Paolo Vinluan— at the Donada Art Gallery (2618 Donada St. corner Vito Cruz St., Malate, Manila). The exhibit runs until Dec. 14. Call 400-0731 or 522-1977.

MONTEMAYOR AT PINTO. Multiawarded Ferdinand Montemayor will hold his first exhibit of pastels and drawings at the Pinto Art Gallery (1 Sierra Madre, Grand Heights, Antipolo City) from Dec. 2 to Jan. 5. Montemayor derives his unique compositions and imagery from Antipolo's hills, where the artist resides. The perspective over and above Manila allows the artist to observe the distant city's growth and activity, as well as the retreat of old farming lands of the plains. Call 697-1015.

ORENCIO AT PINTO. Jim Orencio will hold his eighth one-man show, "Dreams," at the Pinto Art Gallery in Antipolo City on Dec. 2-Jan. 5. Orencio's recent works take off from his landscape series. Call 697-1015.

REYES AT FIRMA. Benji Reyes, wood sculptor and furniture designer, is holding an exhibit of his latest works at Firma (616 Julio Nakpil St. Malate, Manila). What distinguishes a Benji Reyes creation is its timeless design made of old wood such as *ipil*, *yakal*, *kamagong*, *molave*, *saplungan*, *narra*, *dao* and *tindalo*. It will run until Dec. 8. Call 525-5001/4990.

PARIAL AT PINTO. Visual artist Mikel Parial presents his recent acrylic paintings at the Pinto Art Gallery in Antipolo City on Dec. 2-Jan. 5. His subjects seem to dwell in dream worlds of color and manifest symbolic presence. In this exhibit, he focuses on children at play. Call 697-1015.

DORONIO AT HERITAGE ART. Rico Doronio presents a one-man exhibit at the Heritage Art Venue (6/L, Shangri-La Plaza Mall). A native of Cebu, Doronio specializes in realism and impressionism, depicting rural scenes such as young *barrio* boys enjoying laid-back outdoors with their friends. The exhibit runs until Nov. 27.

MIRANDA AT GLORIETTA. Mike Miranda's "Symphony in Nature" is on view at the Photoline Gallery of Photographic Arts, Photoline Store (2/L, Robinsons Galleria in Ortigas Center). The exhibit showcases the beauty of islands in their natural form, without the disruptive influence of external factors. The exhibit runs until Dec. 10. Call 632-0545.

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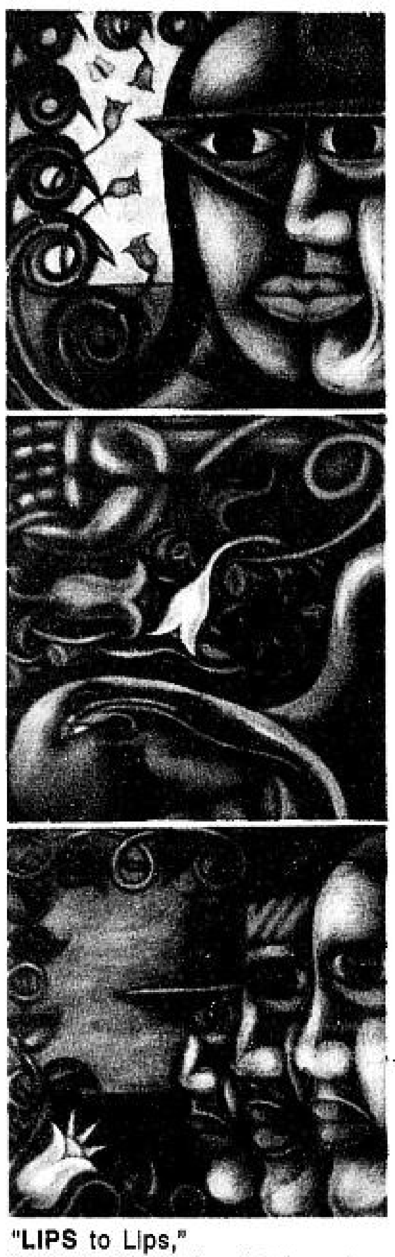

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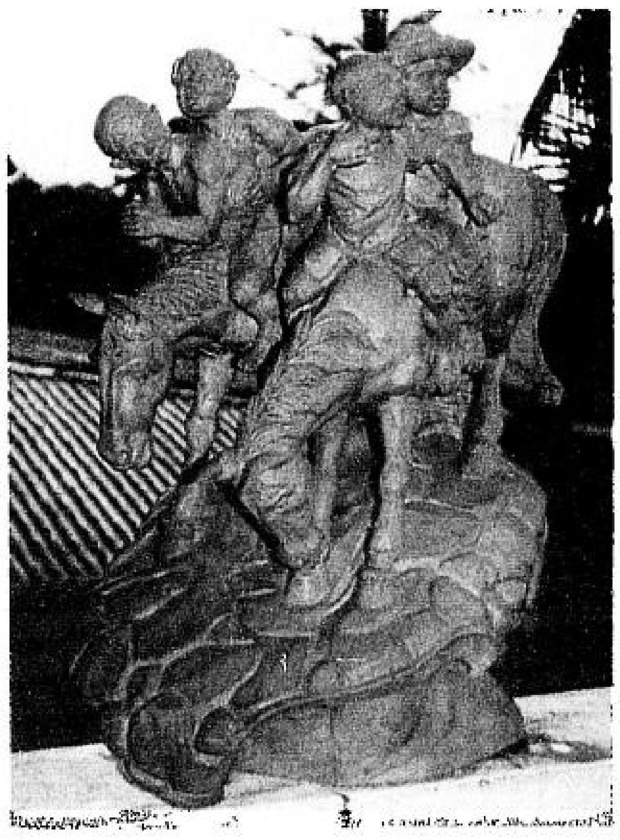

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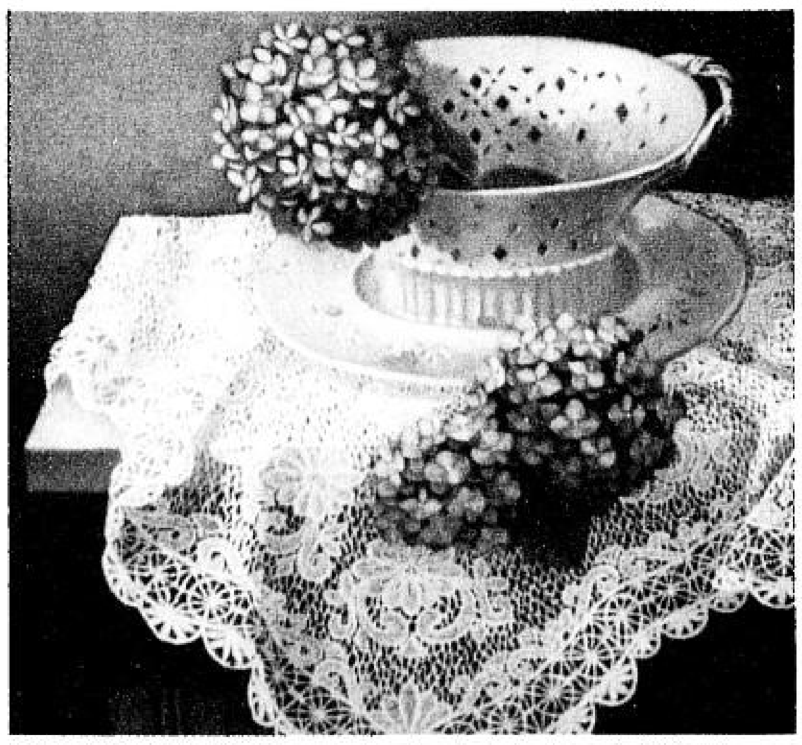

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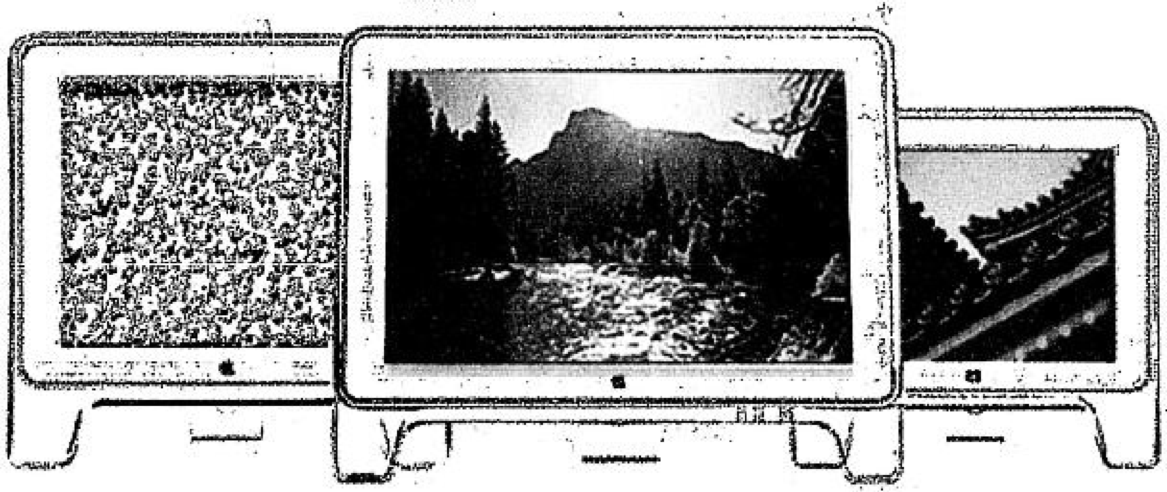

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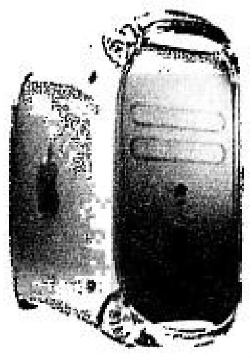

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TRADITIONAL and nontraditional materials are used in frames.

DIDIT Generoso Young, owner

THE FRAMER, its proprietor Didit Generoso Young will tell you, is the product of hard work and a prayerful life, as well as a highly developed artistry and craftsmanship. It celebrated its 25th year last month and Didit is profusely thanking the Lord, her coworkers in her shop and everyone who has ever appreciated the art and craft of the Framer and made it part of their homes.

Ars, they say, is long, and life is *brevis*. So with the making of frames, new technologies have made it even briefer. "It used to be that they did everything by hand," says Didit. "Like they sawed every 45-degree angle and nailed every joint." In the mid-'90s work for the framemaker became much easier when ready-made modern machines started trickling in from Thailand and Taiwan, along with framing accessories that made the joinery a whiz.

Intricate carvings are still done by hand, of course, and Filipino carvers remain unbeatable in this area. On the other hand, linear designs are best done, and in a jiffy, by a sash factory.

Nontraditional materials are now being used for frames, more popularly aluminum which comes in different colors, like gold, copper, silver and recently more vibrant colors like green, red, blue, the result of chemical immersion process called anodizing.

Mirror framing is also another attraction of The Framer. They offer all sizes of mirrors—framed in very attractively designed imported frames, which would fit any home, whether it be modern, traditional or classical.

Wood for frames is still the choice of many decorators and homeowners. "The preferred wood for a classic-style frame is the *almaciga*, which is also easier to handle," says Didit. "Cheaper alternatives are the *lawaan* and *tanguile*." The wood is painted in any color you want or done in any finish you fancy, from gold leafing to faux effects. Also available are acid-free mat and non-glare glass for the very discriminate collectors.

As important as the frame itself are the accents, particularly the trimming and the matting. The framer makes use of unusual and diverse materials like recycled paper, wallpaper, *sako* and leatherette. "We are very adventurous," says Didit. "A very common material can have the most exciting effect."

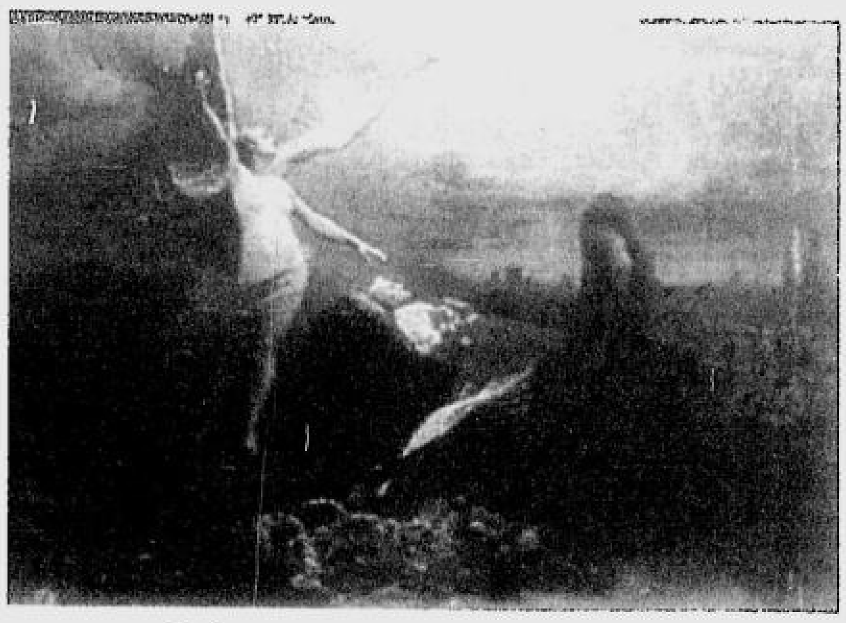
A lovely painting becomes even more eye-catching when it is framed. But it's not only paintings that The Framer frames. "You name it, we frame it, that's our motto around here," says Didit. They have framed collections of matches and keys, a baby's first spoon and first worn-out shoes, a samurai—just anything under the sun that the owner wants to hang on the wall to delight his eye or to preserve memories.

The Framer is also a restoration specialist. Many framers will turn away from repairing or refurbishing jobs, insisting instead on making you a new frame. The framer understands the sentimentality for an old broken thing and will patiently and lovingly strip off the laded finish, or change some weak parts, and give it new touches—all at a lesser price, and make it look like new.

The Framer, which today has branches on Aguirre Avenue in BF Parañaque, at the South Supermarket in Alabang, and the Goldcrest Arcade in Makati, and on Session Road in Baguio, was the offshoot of Didit's earlier work as curator.

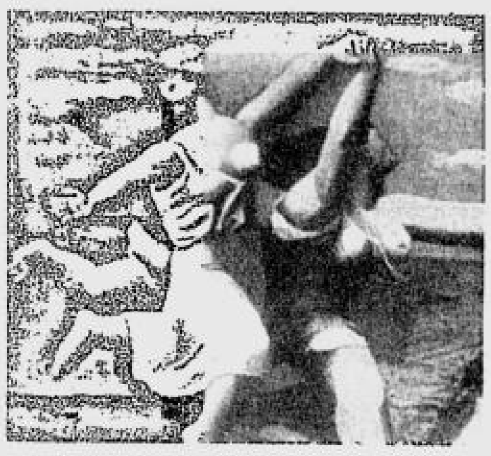
She keeps a small room in her Aguirre shop where she has a limited display of paintings, some her personal collection, some consigned by emerging artist like Memije (who does façades of old houses), Ducat (who does flowers) and Rosete (mother-and-child subjects). She does not readily deal in expensive old masters, although they says she can source them when she has a buyer for them.

From the art of the deal, and the framing, Didit is poised to move on to higher spiritual realms. For more than a decade now, she has been dedicating much of her time "to the service of the Lord" and doing practically full time parish work (though she is temporarily on leave this year) through the Legion of Mary, the Bread of Life cell group and the Bukas Loob sa Diyos Community in Baguio.



J.G. VIBERT

Showcase of colors



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FOUNDED in 1720, Lefranc & Bourgeois has been a reliable supplier to artists both in France and outside it. It lays claim to a rich artistic heritage, having maintained close partnerships with prestigious artists—from old masters like Chardin, Millet, Vibert to contemporary artists such as Dufy and Yvel—in developing Lefranc Artists' Oil Colours.

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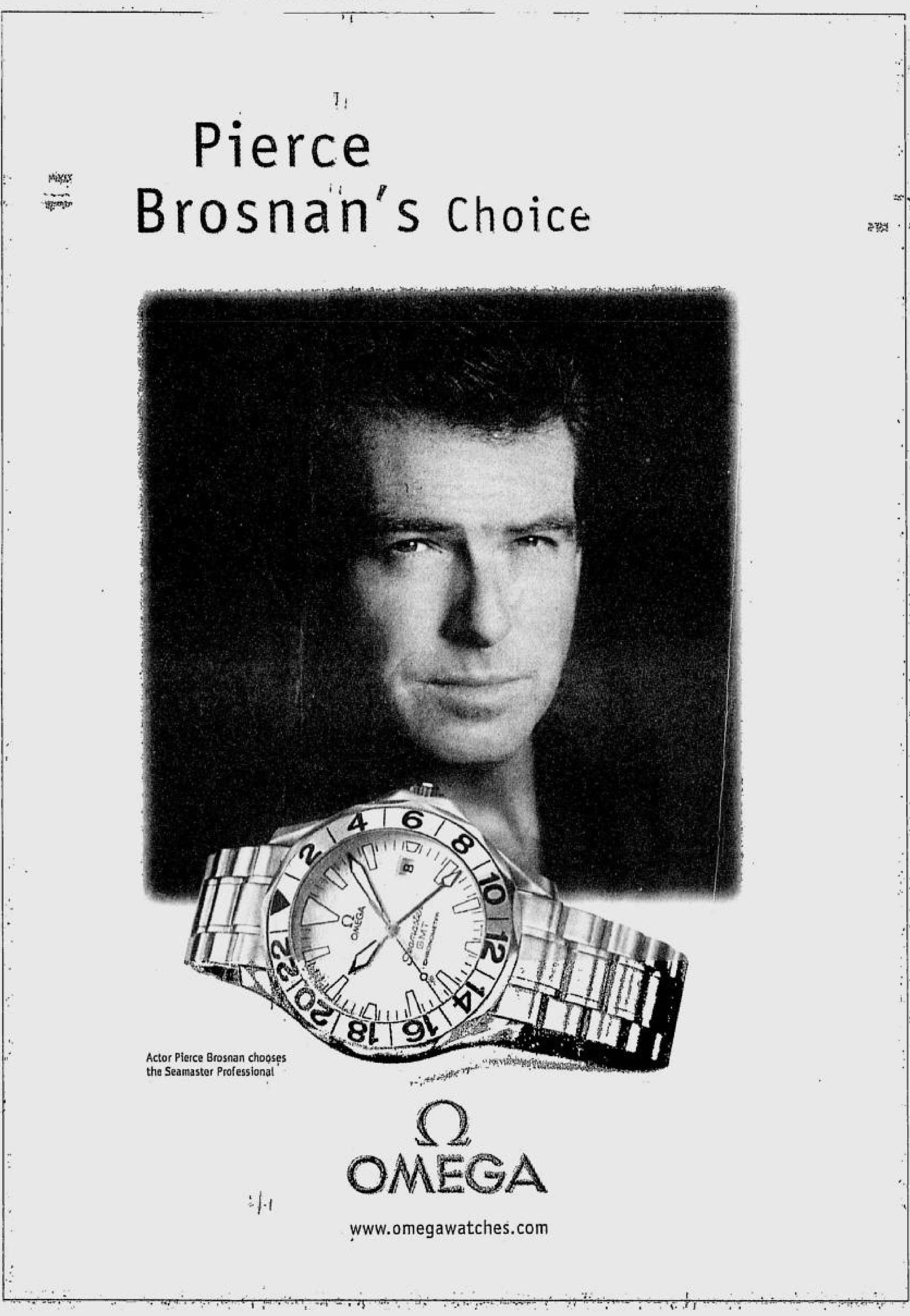
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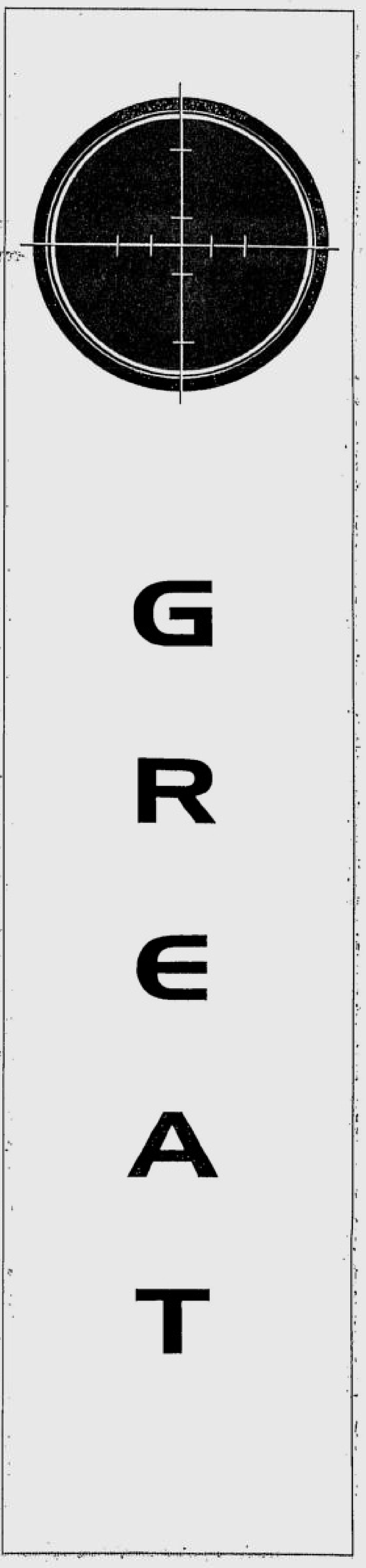
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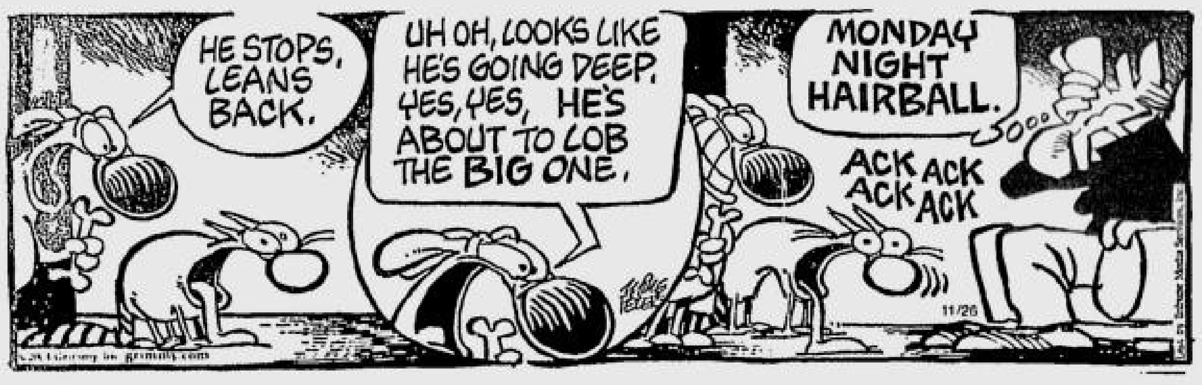
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM
BY MIKE PETERS


HE STOPS, LEANS BACK.
UH OH, LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOING DEEP. YES, YES, HE'S ABOUT TO LOB THE BIG ONE.
MONDAY NIGHT HAIRBALL.
SOOo
ACK ACK ACK ACK
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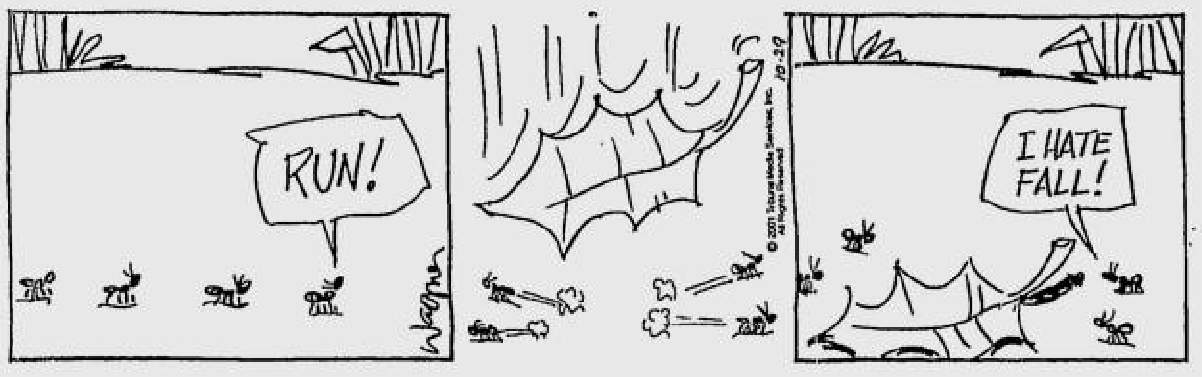
ANIMAL CRACKER
BY FRED WAGNER


RUN!
I HATE FALL!
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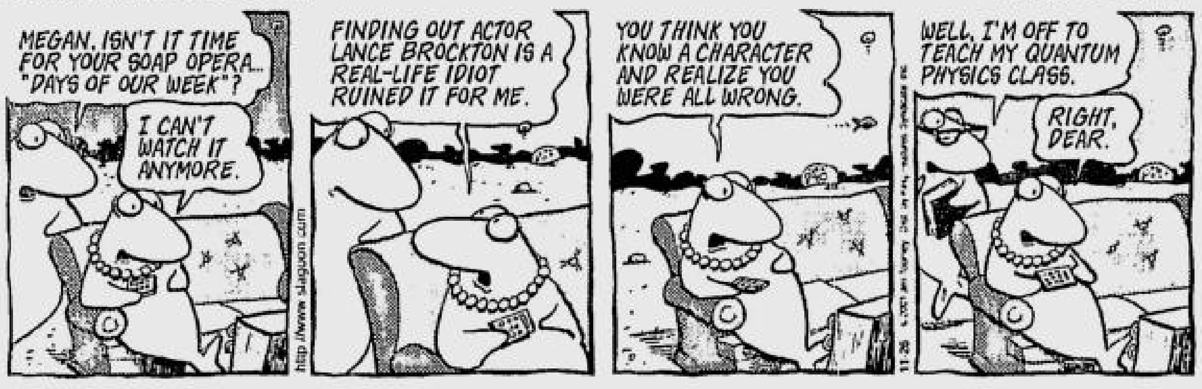
SHERMAN'S LAGOON
BY JIM TOOMEY


MEGAN, ISN'T IT TIME FOR YOUR SOAP OPERA... "DAYS OF OUR WEEK"?
I CAN'T WATCH IT ANYMORE.
FINDING OUT ACTOR LANCE BROCKTON IS A REAL-LIFE IDIOT RUINED IT FOR ME.
YOU THINK YOU KNOW A CHARACTER AND REALIZE YOU WERE ALL WRONG.
WELL, I'M OFF TO TEACH MY QUANTUM PHYSICS CLASS.
RIGHT, DEAR.
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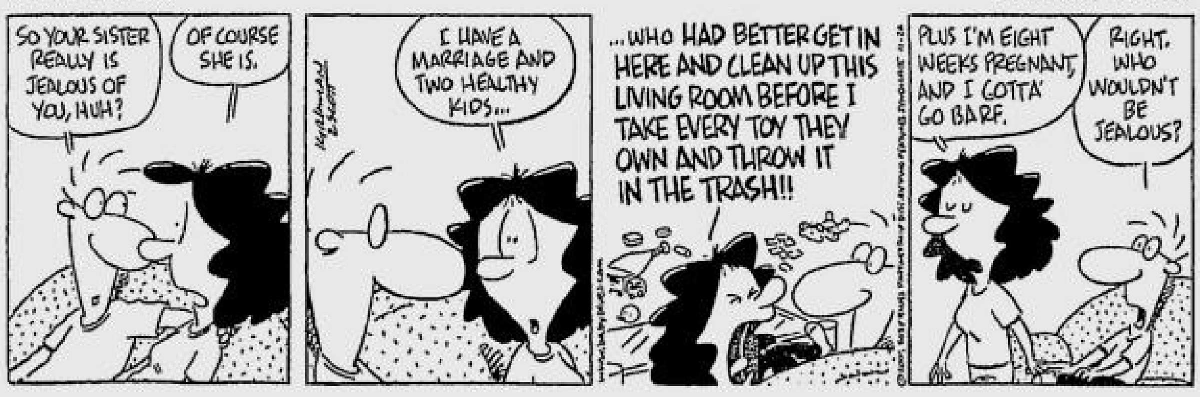
BABY BLUES
BY JERRY SCOTT


SO YOUR SISTER REALLY IS JEALOUS OF YOU, HUH?
OF COURSE SHE IS.
I HAVE A MARRIAGE AND TWO HEALTHY KIDS...
...WHO HAD BETTER GET IN HERE AND CLEAN UP THIS LIVING ROOM BEFORE I TAKE EVERY TOY THEY OWN AND THROW IT IN THE TRASH!!
PLUS I'M EIGHT WEEKS PREGNANT, AND I GOTTA' GO BARF.
RIGHT. WHO WOULDN'T BE JEALOUS?
Kirkman & Scott

HOROSCOPE
BY EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Tina Turner, Rich Little, Robert Goulet, Bruce Paltrow, Charles Schulz

Happy Birthday: This year you will easily outmaneuver your competition. Your willingness to take risks has always given you the edge. It will be easy for you to drum up business or meet new people to hang out with. Your numbers: 6, 13, 16, 24, 27, 29

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Sudden changes at home are inevitable. If you relax and accept the turn of events, everything will fall into place and you'll like the results. Maintain your values and work hard for professional success.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Put time and effort into getting fit for the New Year. Minor mishaps will occur while traveling if you aren't extremely careful. Work on detailed projects that will help you get ahead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Sudden romantic infatuations will not last. Don't be too open about your personal life or finances. For now, be somewhat mysterious.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you overreact and are difficult to deal with, you can expect opposition from your partner. Inevitable changes may cause sorrow. Acceptance is the key to emotional stability.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be entertaining and stand out in a crowd. Be careful what you say, however. An untrustworthy person may try to make you look bad.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If you are too quick to put your money on the line, sudden reversals of fortune will cause major financial setbacks. You mustn't lend or borrow money or possessions. Focus on how to contribute your time, not your cash, to a worthy cause.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be in the mood to have fun, but don't overdo. As long as you monitor your spending habits, everything should be fine. Professional moves could result in higher earnings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Confiding your ideas to a co-worker may lead to underhanded maneuvering. Anger and deception could cause a sudden reversal of fortune. Protect your interests and plan carefully.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Being your lovable self doesn't mean you will get what you want. Opportunities for romance appear to be one-sided or short-lived. If you concentrate on friendship, not courtship, this union has a better chance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): This is a good time to start home-improvement projects, but stick to your budget. Don't spend more on supplies than you can afford.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your competitive drive will lead you to the winner's circle. Be careful not to overspend on entertainment. Don't pay for others who could take you for granted.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Tend to problems with skin, bones or teeth immediately. Stay away from enticing joint financial ventures. Losses are evident if you let someone else handle your money.

Birthday Baby: You are a go-getter, eager to please and quick to respond. You have great vision and the know-how to accomplish throughout your life.

DAILY CROSSWORD

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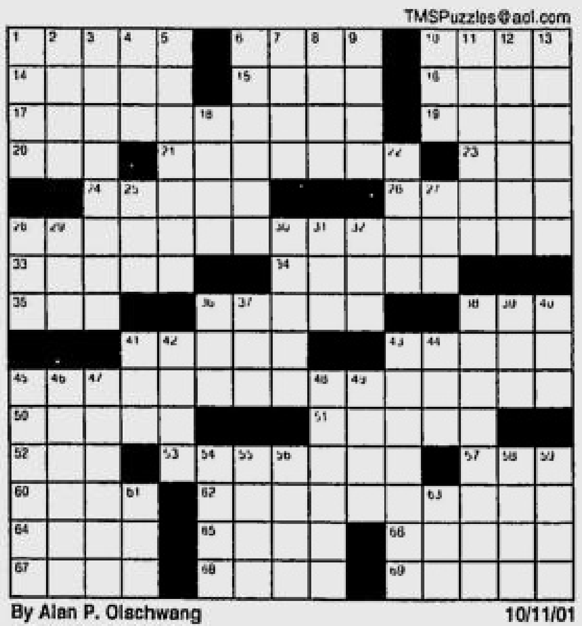

By Alan P. Olschwang
Huntington Beach, CA
10/11/01

ACROSS
1 Ballots
6 Splendor
10 Kind of rock or rain
14 Shaq or Tatum
15 Potpourri
16 Theater area
17 Start of Evan Esar quote
19 Chills and fever
20 Signal for help
21 Mercury and Saturn
23 Siesta
24 Mamas' mates
26 Scottish feudal lord
28 Part 2 of quote
33 Talked to pigeons
34 Jeweler's lens
35 D.C. bigwig
36 Capital of Oregon
38 Harris and Wynn
41 Goodnight girl?
43 Piano control
45 Part 3 of quote
50 North African country
51 Scope
52 Suitable
53 Breathe
57 Like a little Scotsman
60 Produced yarn
62 End of quote
64 Tableland
65 Lawnmower brand name
66 Fiery crime
67 Middle East gulf
68 Merit
69 "The Battle of Alcazar" playwright

DOWN
1 Patrick White novel
2 Not taken in by
3 Recipe measure
4 Have a hero?
5 Lost footing
6 Fertilizer ingredient
7 Ken or Lena
8 Blind trio of nursery rhyme
9 Emily of manners
10 In imitation of
11 French brandy
12 Large lizard
13 Dig more?
18 Blind element
22 Station
25 "__ Maria"
27 Color
28 Individual
Apples
29 Agile deer
30 Actress Kirstie
31 Lower digit
32 M-m-m good!
36 Salton or Red
37 Miller or Reinking
38 Sidelong
39 Tap gently
40 Slightly shifty
41 Wrigley greenery
42 Raise
43 Tree-root parasite
44 Part of the U.K.
45 Blood component
46 Torn
47 Slow on the uptake
48 Satellite of Neptune
49 Spy Mata
54 Italian noble family
55 Greek colonnade
56 Young salmon
58 EPA's concern
59 Medieval slave
61 A Bobbsey twin
63 Three in Trieste

SATURDAY PUZZLE ANSWER

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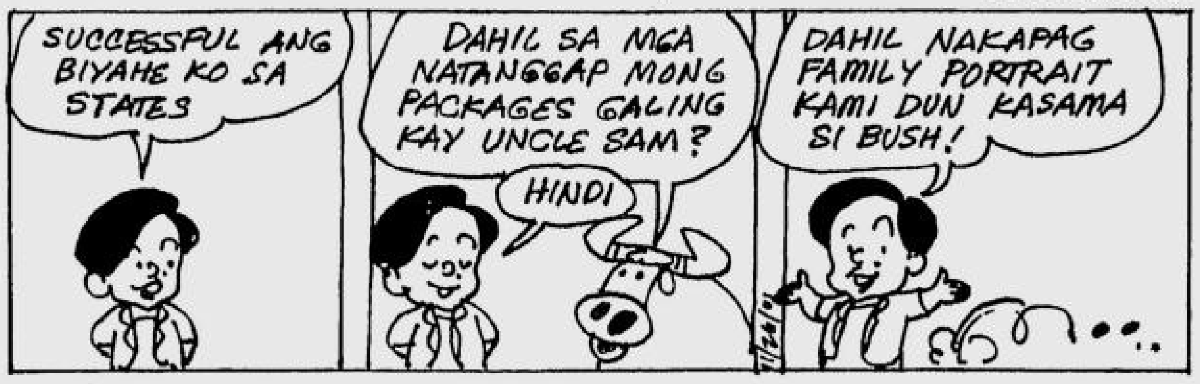
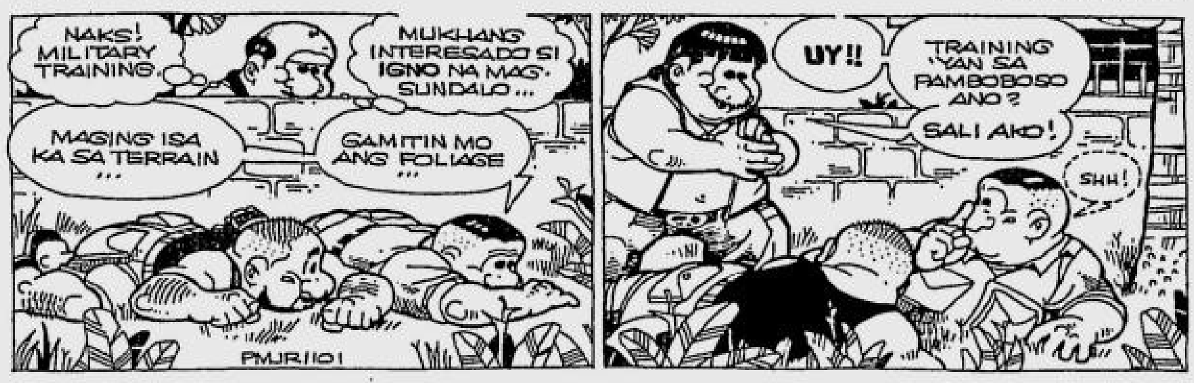

SUCCESSFUL ANG BIYAHE KO SA STATES
DAHIL SA MGA NATANGGAP MONG PACKAGES GALING KAY UNCLE SAM?
HINDI
DAHIL NAKAPAG FAMILY PORTRAIT KAMI DUN KASAMA SI BUSH!

PUGAD BABOY
BY P.M. JUNIOR


NAKS! MILITARY TRAINING.
MUKHANG INTERESADO SI IGNO NA MAG-SUNDALO...
MAGING ISA KA SA TERRAIN...
GAMITIN MO ANG FOLIAGE...
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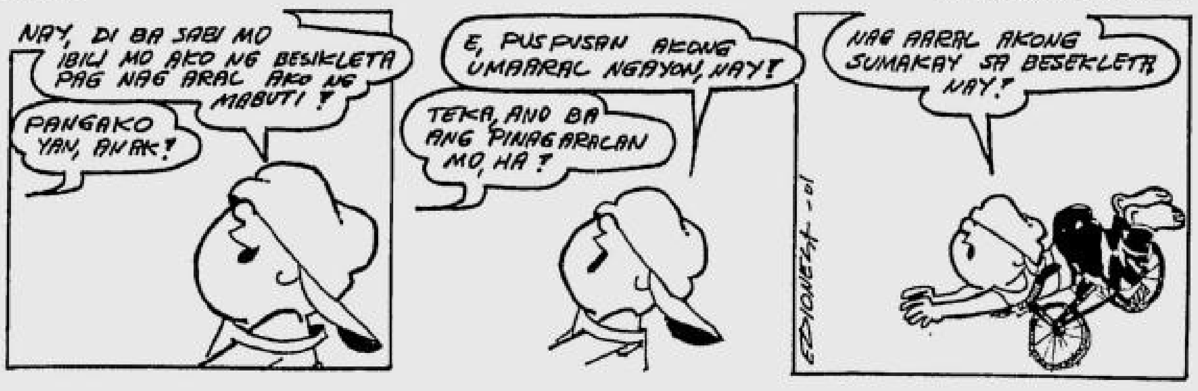
UY!!
TRAINING 'YAN SA PAMBOBOSO ANO?
SALI AKO!
SHH!

SIMO
BY EDGAR DIONELA


NAY, DI BA SABI MO IBILI MO AKO NG BESIKLETA PAG NAG ARAL AKO NG MABUTI?
PANGAKO YAN, ANAK!
E, PUSPUSAN AKONG UMAARAL NGAYON, NAY!
TEKA, ANO BA ANG PINAG ARALAN MO, HA?
NAG AARAL AKONG SUMAKAY SA BESEKLETA NAY!
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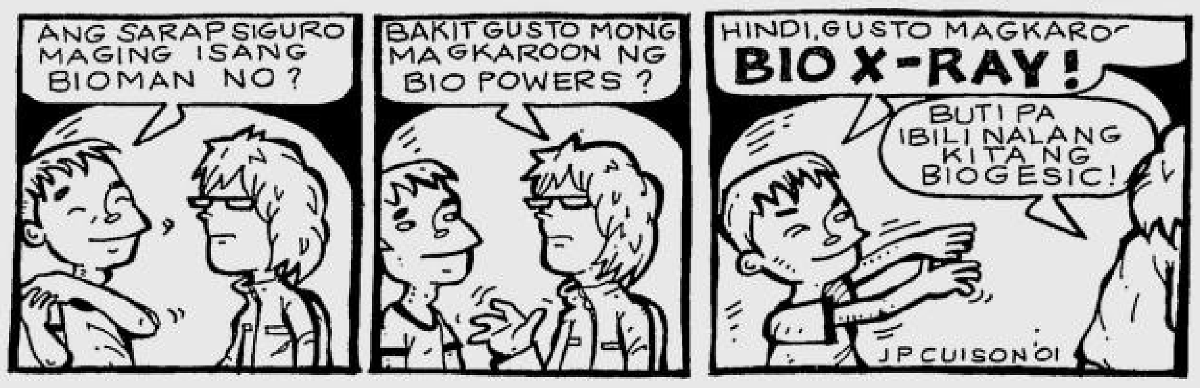
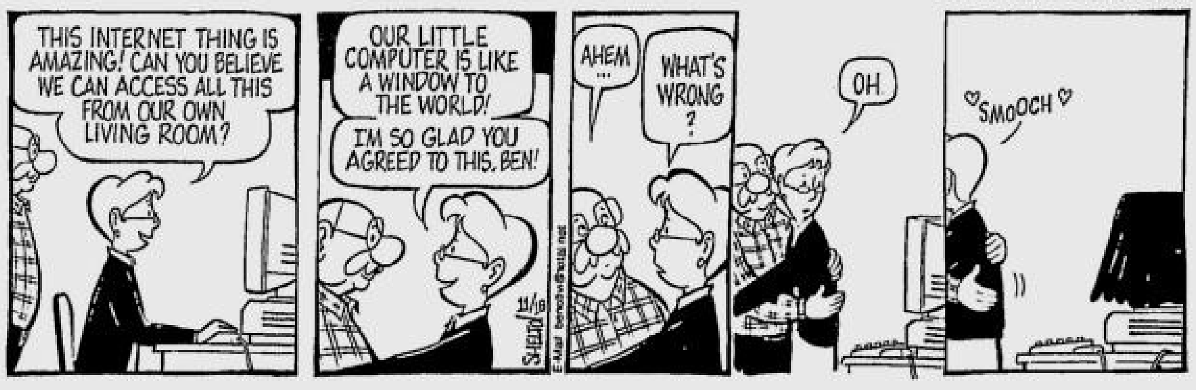
GARAPATA BLOOD
BY JOHN PAUL/BENG/MANIX


ANG SARAP SIGURO MAGING ISANG BIOMAN NO?
BAKIT GUSTO MONG MAGKAROON NG BIO POWERS?
HINDI, GUSTO MAGKARO' BIO X-RAY!
BUTI PA IBILI NALANG KITA NG BIOGESIC!
JP CUISON '01

BEN
BY DANIEL SHELTON


THIS INTERNET THING IS AMAZING! CAN YOU BELIEVE WE CAN ACCESS ALL THIS FROM OUR OWN LIVING ROOM?
OUR LITTLE COMPUTER IS LIKE A WINDOW TO THE WORLD!
I'M SO GLAD YOU AGREED TO THIS, BEN!
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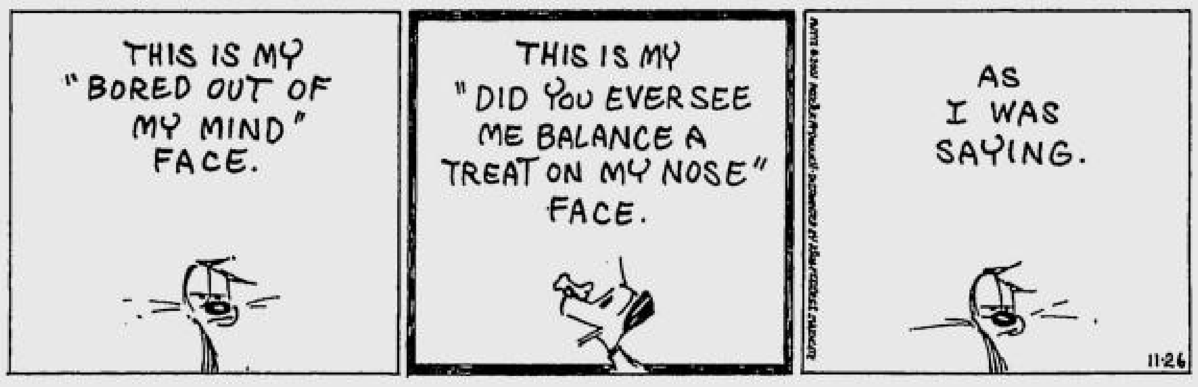
SHELTON
AHEM...
WHAT'S WRONG?
OH.
SMOOCH

MUTTS
BY PATRICK McDONNELL


THIS IS MY "BORED OUT OF MY MIND" FACE.
THIS IS MY "DID YOU EVER SEE ME BALANCE A TREAT ON MY NOSE" FACE.
AS I WAS SAYING.
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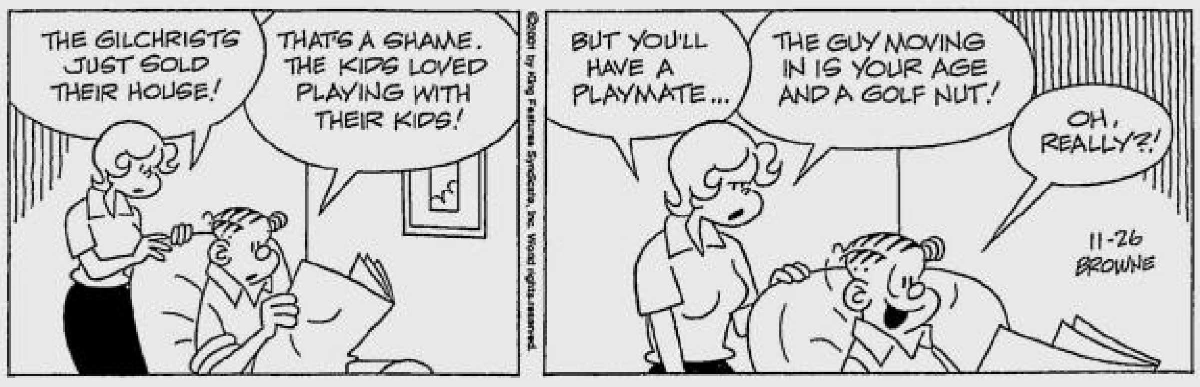
HI AND LOIS
BY BRIAN & GREG WALKER


THE GILCHRISTS JUST SOLD THEIR HOUSE!
THAT'S A SHAME. THE KIDS LOVED PLAYING WITH THEIR KIDS!
BUT YOU'LL HAVE A PLAYMATE...
THE GUY MOVING IN IS YOUR AGE AND A GOLF NUT!
OH, REALLY?!
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BROWNE
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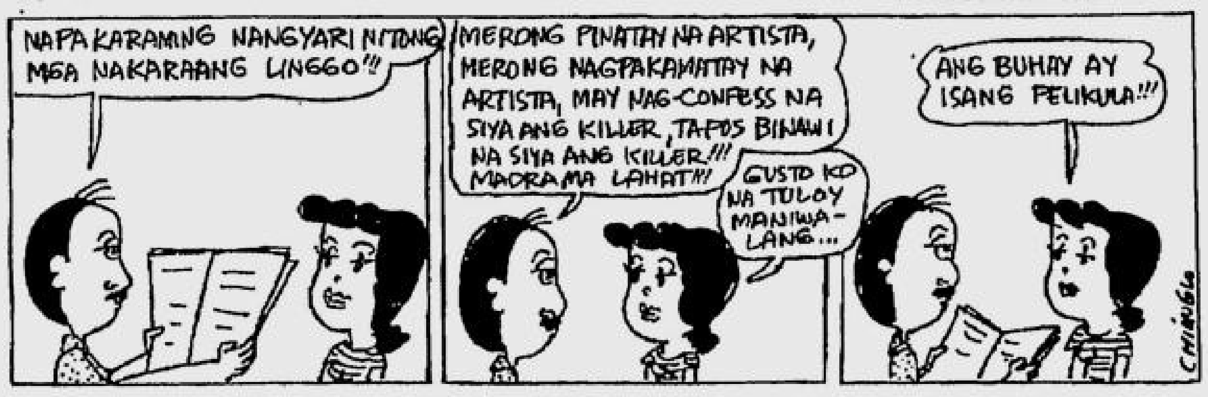
LOVEKNOTS
BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO


NAPAKARAMING NANGYARI NITONG MGA NAKARAANG LINGGO!!!
MERONG PINATAY NA ARTISTA, MERONG NAGPAKAMATAY NA ARTISTA, MAY NAG-CONFESS NA SIYA ANG KILLER, TAPOS BINAWI NA SIYA ANG KILLER!!! MADRAMA LAHAT!!!
GUSTO KO NA TULOY MANIWA-LANG...
ANG BUHAY AY ISANG PELIKULA!!!
CHIONGLO

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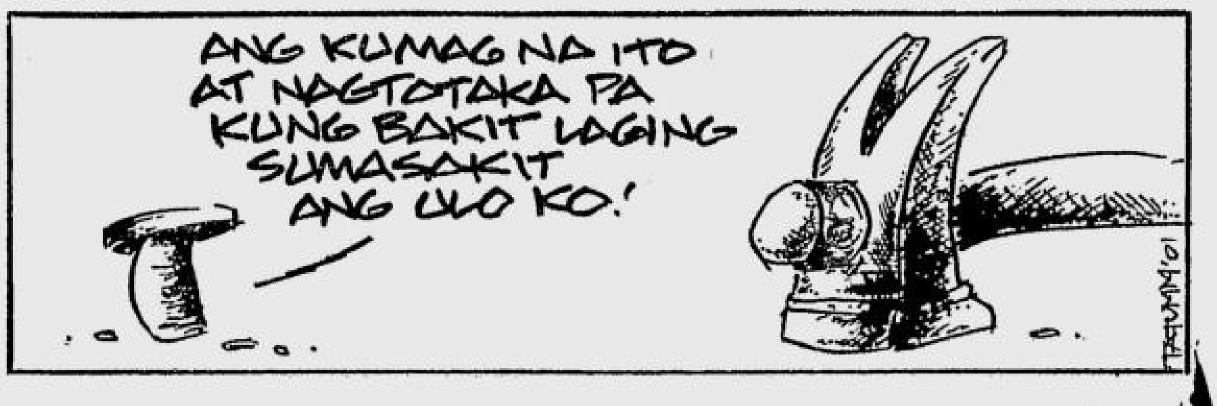

ANG KUMAG NA ITO AT NAGTATAKA PA KUNG BAKIT LAGING SUMASAKIT ANG ULO KO!
TATUM '01

Bedroom secrets and dirty laundry

By Cora Llamas

ACCORDING to Actor's Actors Inc. (AAI) artistic director Bart Guingona, it was the first time in the company's history that ticket sales were bought and inquiries made by sheer poster power alone.

Guingona thinks that the big "For Adults Only" sign is the real culprit. Added to that is AAI's well-known and well-earned reputation as a theater group that produces mature plays that provoke the mind as well as stir the senses. Eroticism and its secrets do not remain forbidden ground for long.

The poster in question shows a blown-up but blurry photograph of a naked torso. Squint and you can see the beginnings of the navel. The slight curve hints of the first few inches of pubic hair. It's hard to tell if the owner of the torso is a man or a woman. The same is true with the hand gently lingering near the stomach.

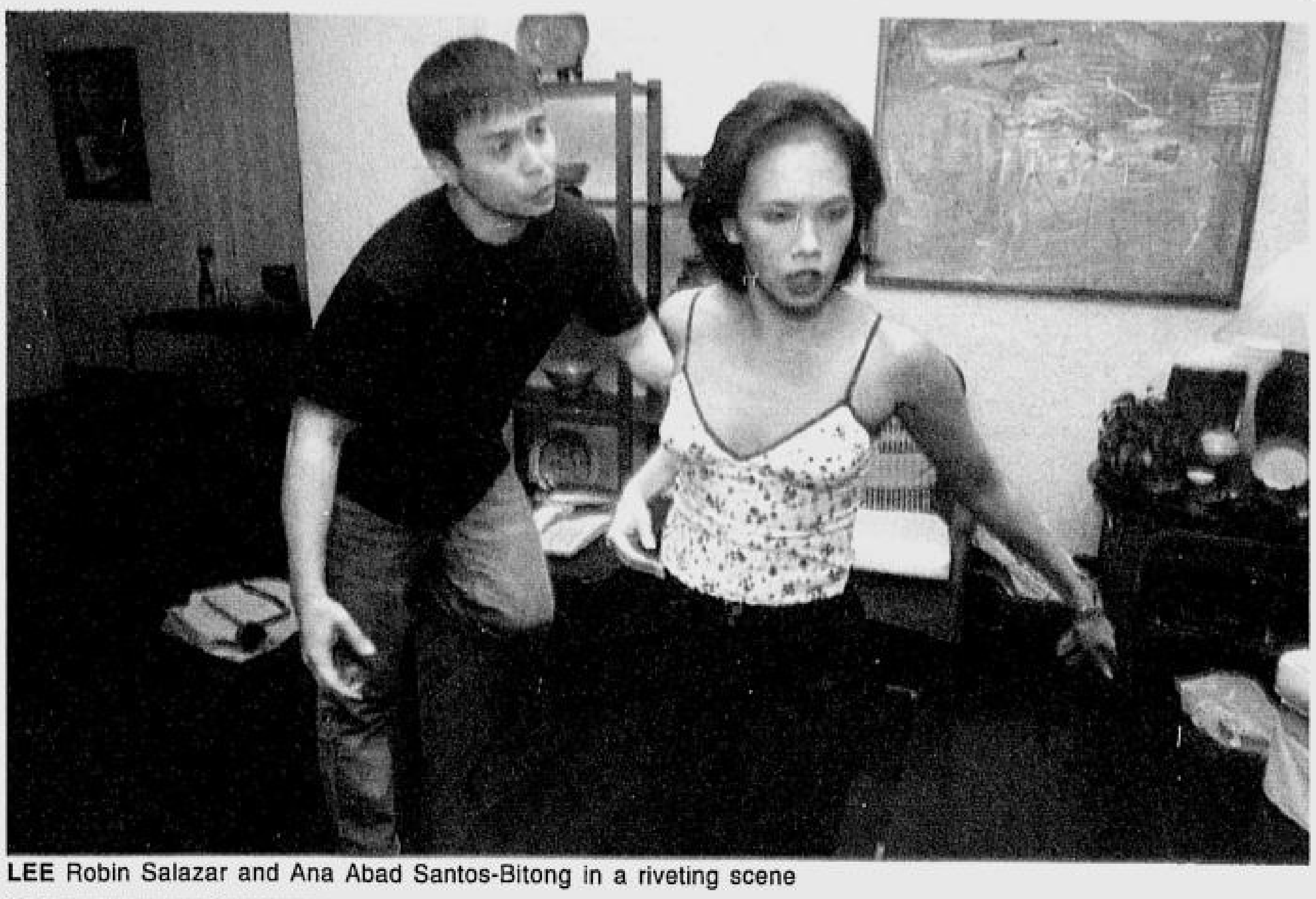
The play appropriately enough is titled "Closer." Early publicity releases describe this work by author Patrick Marber as a dangerous sexual and romantic merry-go-round as "two couples move in a twisted love rectangle, dating and mating, devastating each other and themselves, grieving alone and together."

VR role-playing

Obituary writer Dan (Lee Robin Salazar, last seen in "Rent") and stripper Alice ("Cactus Flower's" Ana Abad Santos-Bitong) are a happy couple until the former meets photographer Anna (Pinky Amador of "King Lear"). After several attempts at seduction and rejection, the two finally enter into an affair. But Anna has a lover, dermatologist Larry (Guingona), who unwittingly engages in cybersex with Dan (!) whose obsession with the photographer finds expression in some VR role-playing. It's only a matter of time before all four meet. Jealousy, passion and possession mix in an explosive combination, creating intense dramatic tension that builds up in the short span of ninety minutes.

"In today's world, you have many ways to be intimate," says Guingona of his one of his play's main points. "You have the bars and the chat rooms, for example. But there are very few avenues for closeness."

Nor does sex, which others would perhaps tout as the ultimate expression of intimacy, automatically imply or bring about the kind of heart-to-gut bonding, even among longtime lovers. Given the proximity of all four characters, it is inevitable that the truth will come out.



LEE Robin Salazar and Ana Abad Santos-Bitong in a riveting scene

PINKY Amador and Bart Guingona

There's more to Actor's Actors 'Closer' than the sexy poster

Yet, this play also questions the time-honored tradition that people who are in love should tell each other the truth all the time. The dilemma the characters wrestle with has to do with a crystal clear, but difficult choice: hide the painful betrayal and be dishonest with your partner; or own up and face the distressing consequences.

In one confrontation, Alice gives Dan the most honest answer possible: "I can't tell the truth, and I don't' want to lie."

No agreement

During the rehearsals, it appeared that not even the principal characters were in agreement on the right course of action.

"Deception is part and parcel of romantic relationships," Guingona points out.

Salazar chimes in, "People naturally want to put their best foot forward."

And if some skeletons remain in the closet, perhaps it's better that way. During her own prerequisite marriage counseling before the ceremonies, Santos-Bitong's priest advises her and her future husband, "We didn't have to say anything to each other about the past." The priest apparently believes that long-buried failures and shortcomings that have no bearing to the present may be unearthed at the risk of hurting the partner.

"But what about complete honesty?" Amador interjects quickly.

"If you love me," grins Guingona, as he brings the argument full circle. "my past shouldn't matter."

Understandably, none of the cast members wanted to reveal the ending. The most that they were willing to concede with is "an uneasy truce."

After the characters finish what they are going through, "will their lives be closer? Better? We really can't say," Guingona teases.

Obviously, that will be answered in the opening of Marber's "Closer" this weekend. Hopefully, we'll clear up the other mysteries as well: when does love become power play? When can the truth hurt? And how on earth can couples who are supposedly in love—and in joint obsession with each other, like this quartet—have the time, interest and energy to look at someone else?

The AAI production of "Closer" runs at the Republic of Malate for three weekends starting Nov. 30. Call 536-5844

'Miss Saigon' talents in benefit concert

THE LONG-RUNNING hit musical "Miss Saigon" has garnered worldwide acclaim for its impressive production values as well as its endearing catalog of plaintive and haunting melodies. Aside from its theatrical legacy, it also served as the launching pad for the international careers of several world-class Filipino talents, including Lea Salonga, Monique Wilson, Leo Valdez, Robert Sena, Junix Inocian, Jenine Desiderio, Jinky Llamanzares, Isay Alvarez and Jamie Rivera.

Aficionados of the enduring musical who failed to catch its recent Manila run will have a chance to relive its pomp and musical grandeur through a special concert dubbed "Divas of Saigon," featuring some of its original performers Isay Alvarez, Jamie Rivera, Jinky Llamanzares and Jenine Desiderio. To be held at the Manila Hotel Ballroom on Nov. 28, the benefit concert will also feature Robert Sena as special guest, with the special participation of the Philippine Pop Orchestra and the Tiples de Sto. Domingo Boys Choir.

"Divas of Saigon" is the initial endeavor of the Fe del Mundo Medical Center (FDMMC, formerly the Children's Medical Center Philippines) to raise funds for the establishment of a charity building that would meet the needs of less-privileged children and adults. The concert caps weeklong festivities marking the 44th founding anniversary of the hospital.

"We all agreed that this year's celebration should be more relevant to our role in society, that of providing quality charity medical care not just to children, but to adults as well," says FDMMC president Dr. Alendry P. Caviles Jr.

FDMMC had been operating as a pediatric hospital since 1957. Recently, it expanded its services to include adult care. Under the leadership of its founder, the indefatigable Dr. Fe del Mundo who is also celebrating her 90th birthday on Nov. 27, the hospital's board of directors agreed that FDMMC should gradually augment its services and expand its facilities.

The envisioned five-story charity ward will house an outpatient division, an in-patient pediatrics division, surgery/obstetrics department, an internal medicine department, an alumni center and a conference hall.

FDMMC also specializes in hematologic treatment. The hospital has organized the Leukemic Indigents Fund Endowment (LIFE), a foundation that currently sponsors the full-term treatment of approximately 75 poor leukemic patients.

The completion of the five-story charity building will mark the culmination of one of Dr. Del Mundo's lifelong dreams. A pioneering spirit in the field of local pediatrics, she is one of the luminary figures in the Philippine Pediatric Society. She is also the founding president of several organizations, among them, the Philippine Medical Women's Association, Institute of Community and Family Health, Manila Medical Society and Center for TB in Children.

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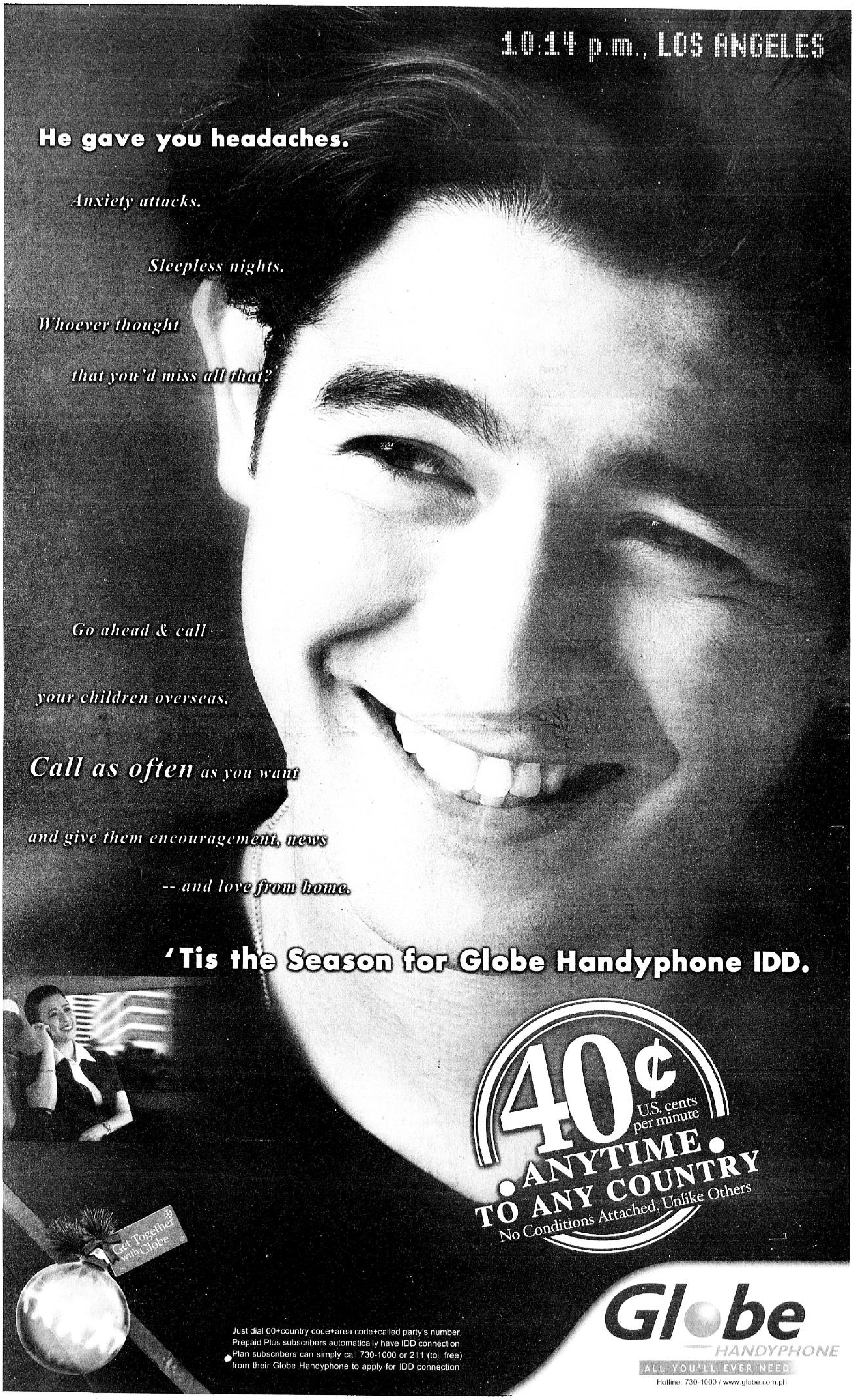

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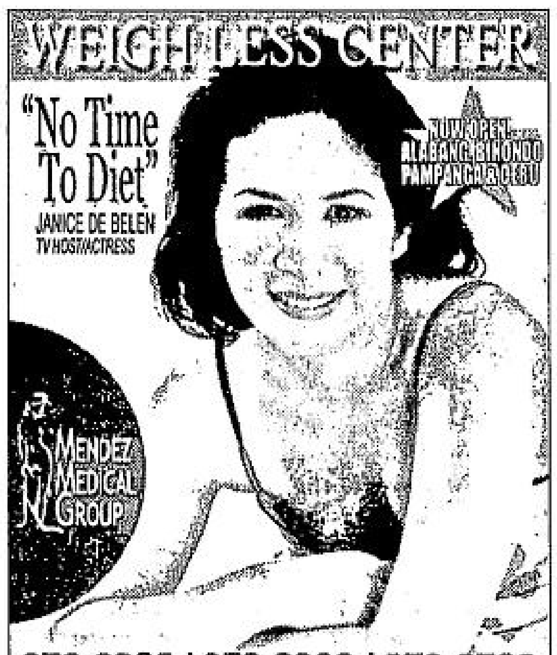
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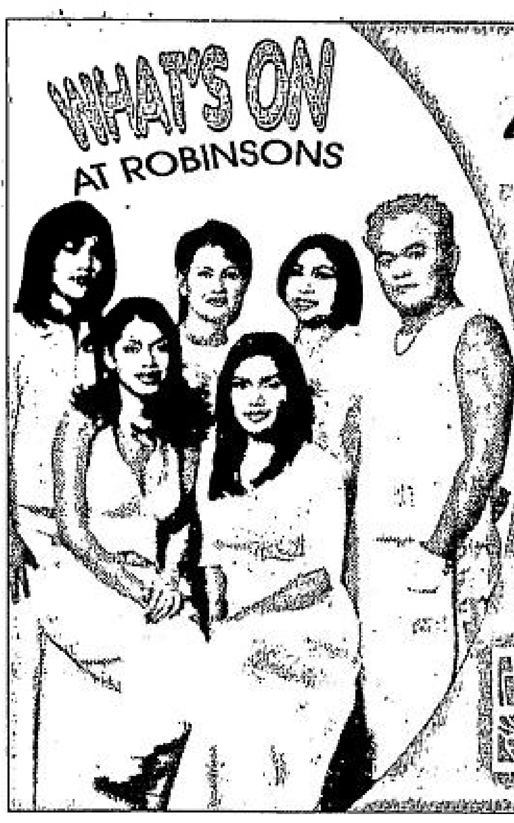
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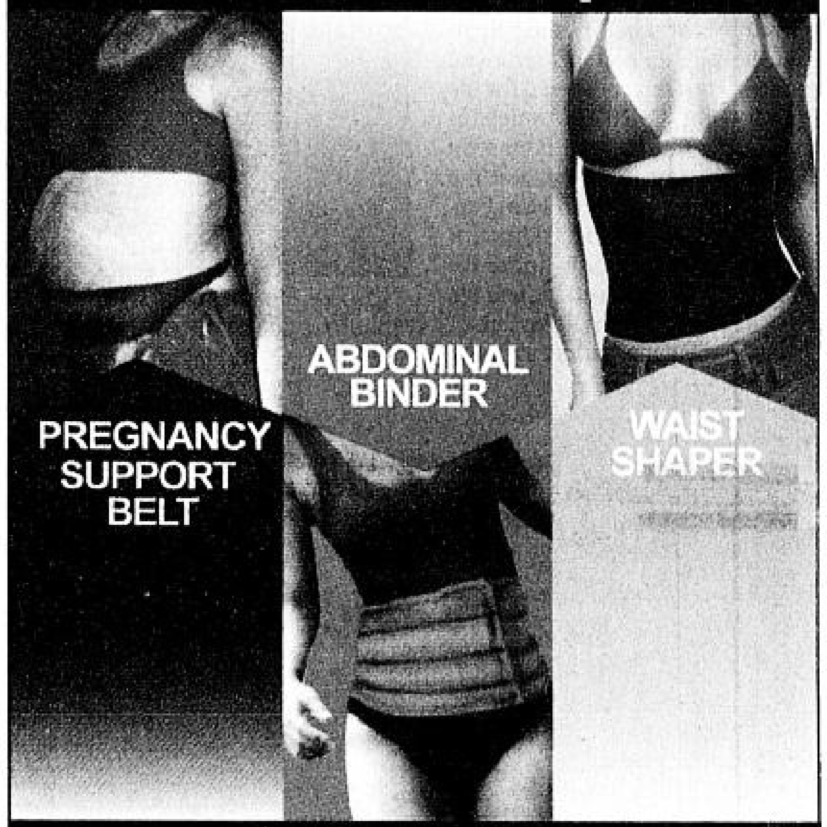
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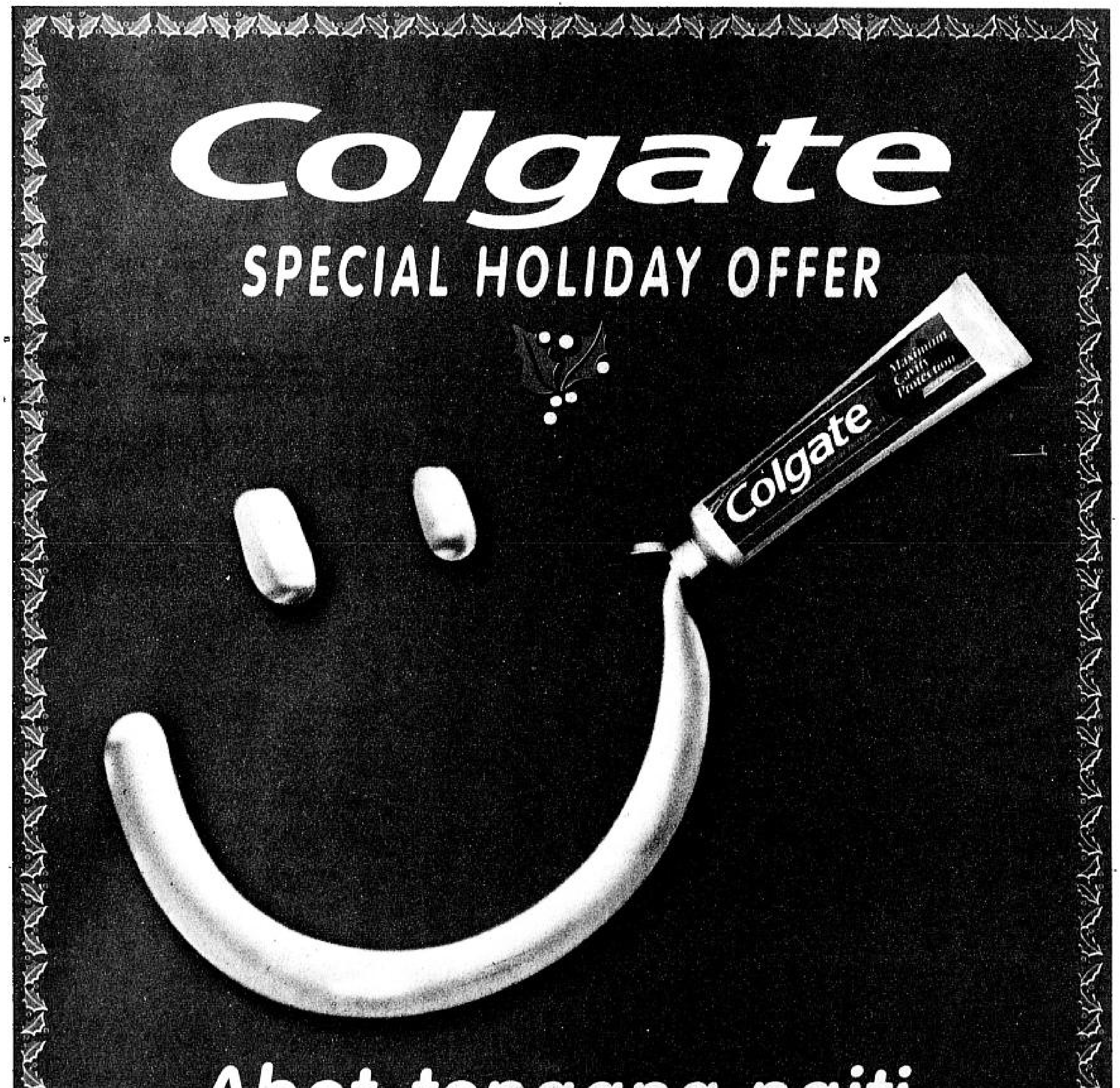
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GAY love is portrayed in "The Map of Sex and Love," from Hong Kong.

"CHUNHYANG," based on a South Korean fairy tale, has been compared with movies by Mizoguchi and Kurosawa.

"DIVIDED We Fall" from Slovenia is about a childless Czech couple who gives refuge to a Jewish fugitive during the Nazi occupation during World War II.

"OTESANEK (Greedy Guts)" from the Czech Republic is a black comedy-fairy tale about a childless woman.

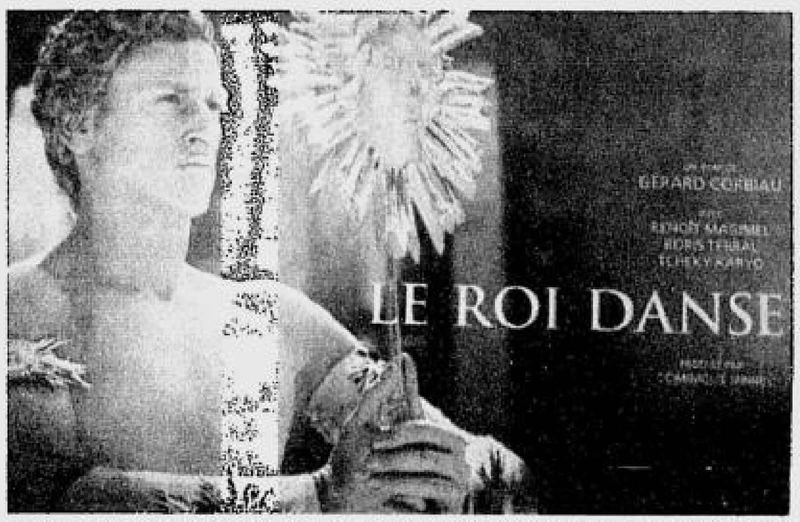
Cinemanila festival features first-rate world cinema program

CHUNHYANG," the celebrated South Korean film by Im Kwon-Taek, and "No Man's Land," Danis Tanovic's satiric story of two soldiers from enemy camps during the war n Bosnia, will open the third nnual Cinemanila International Film Festival.

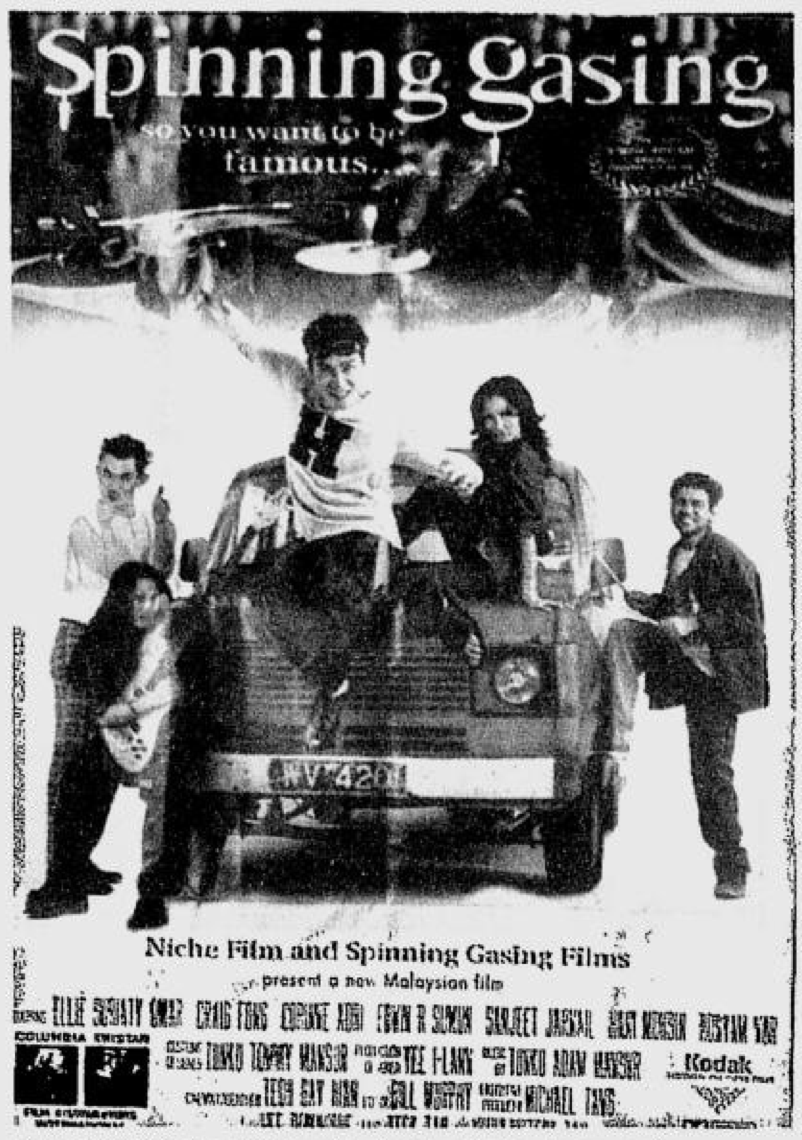
Presented by the City of Makati, Cinemanila 2001 will run Dec. 7-16 t the Greenbelt and Glorietta Cinemas. Opening night ceremonies will be held on Dec. 6, 6 p.m., at Onstage Theater to be followed by he gala screenings at all three Greenbelt cinemas. President Macapagal-Arroyo will deliver the keynote address and open the festival, together with Mayor Jejomar Binay and festival director Tikoy Aguiluz.

"Chunhyang," which has been described as a gem of Asian cinema comparable to the classic films of Mizoguchi and Kurosawa, combines the elements of pure film with he tradition of *pansori* sung theater in retelling an epic of outlawed omance. The film competed for the Palme d'Or at the 2000 Cannes Inernational Film Festival and won the Best Feature Film Prize at the 2000 Hawaii International Film Festival as well as the Best Director Award at this year's Singapore Inernational Film Festival. During the New York Film Festival last year, "Chunhyang" was hailed as a triumph and turned out to be one of the most ravishing films in the program.

"NO Man's Land," Danis Tanovic's satirical tale of two soldiers from enemy camps at the height of the Bosnian war.



"LE Roi Danse" from France is about the rivalry between playwright Moliere and composer Jean-Baptiste Lully for patronage by Louis XIV.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The latest edition of Cinemanila features the best films from across the globe. Acclaimed and award-winning films including shorts and documentaries are in hallmark. The festival is divided into several sections, namely, World Cinema, Asian Cinema, Philippine Cinema and Young Cinema (the Digital Program).

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"DETEKTOR" is an intriguing film from Norway.

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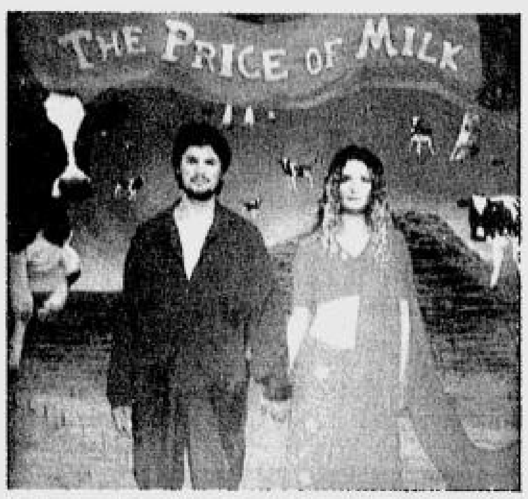

"THE PRICE of Milk," from New Zealand, is a fairy tale.

a feature film, best actress in a feature film, Netpac/Fipresci award (critics prize), best short, best documentary and the Ishmael Bernal Award for best Filipino short film. Citations will also be given to Filipino-American film talents who have made outstanding achievements in their cinematic fields.

Aside from the screenings, Cinemanila will also hold a series of seminars and symposia covering a wide range of subjects on filmmaking. They will be conducted by a team of local and international film experts.

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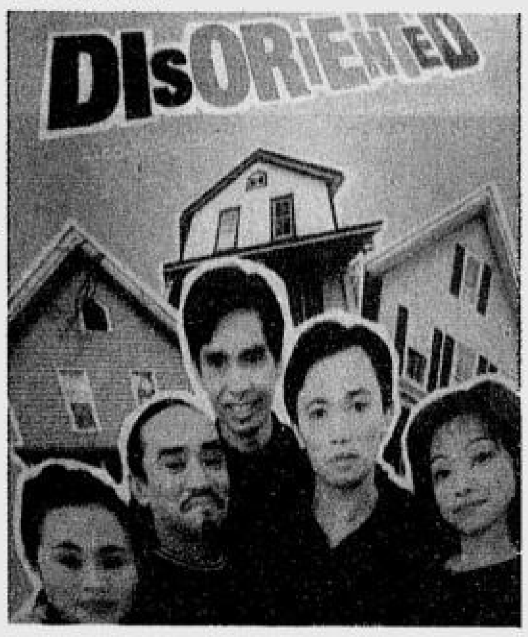

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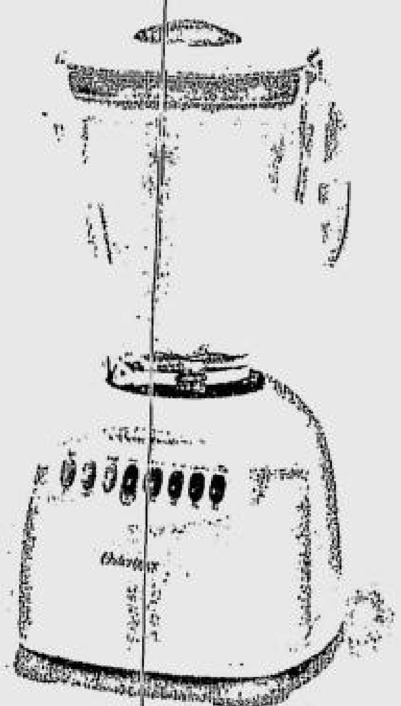

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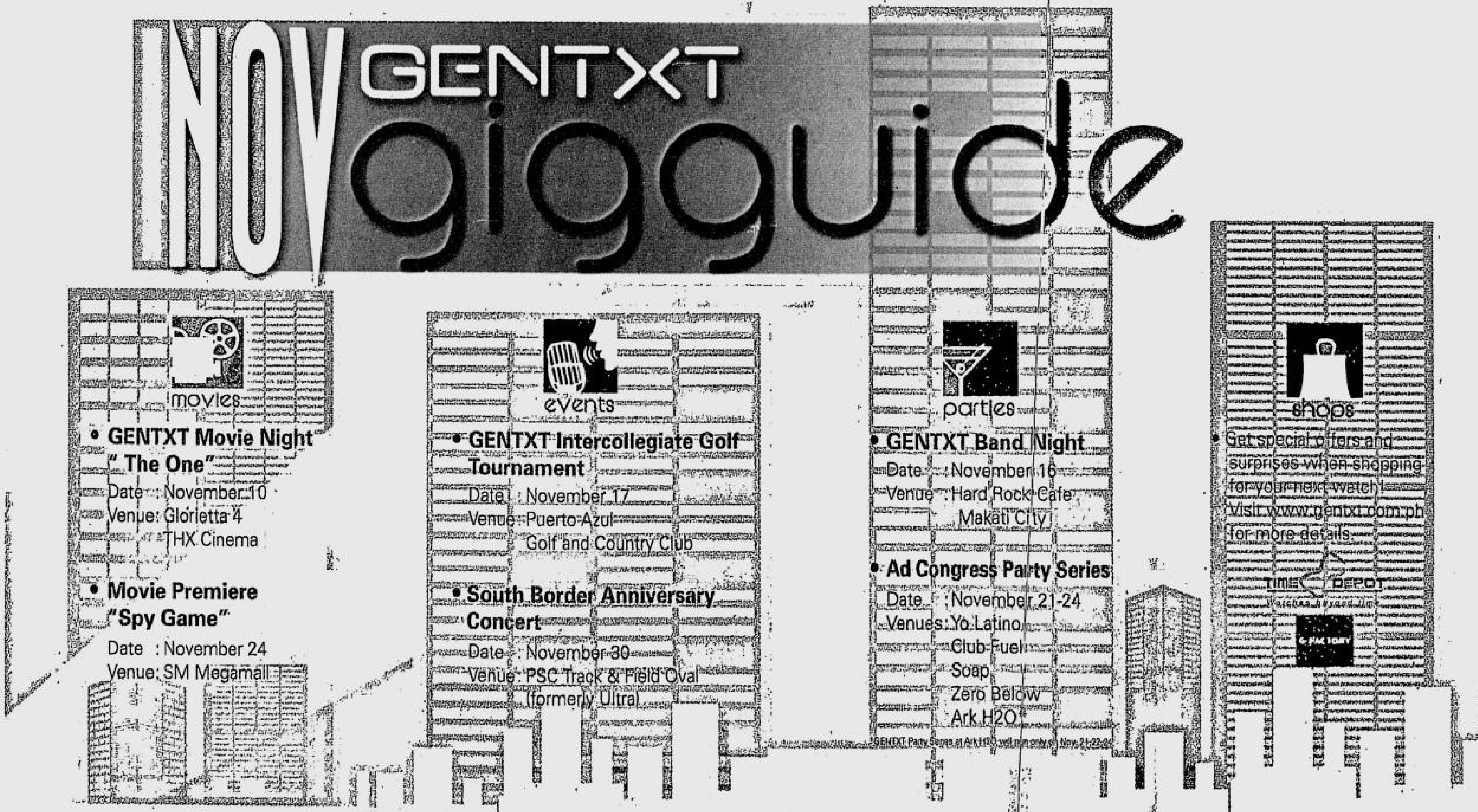

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Is there a decline in world cinema?

By Constantino C. Tejero

A GENERAL decline must be happening in world cinema.

We saw how the contemporary entries of both French film festival and British film festival held recently in Manila were of less exciting qualities than those of the previous years. And now Cine Europa.

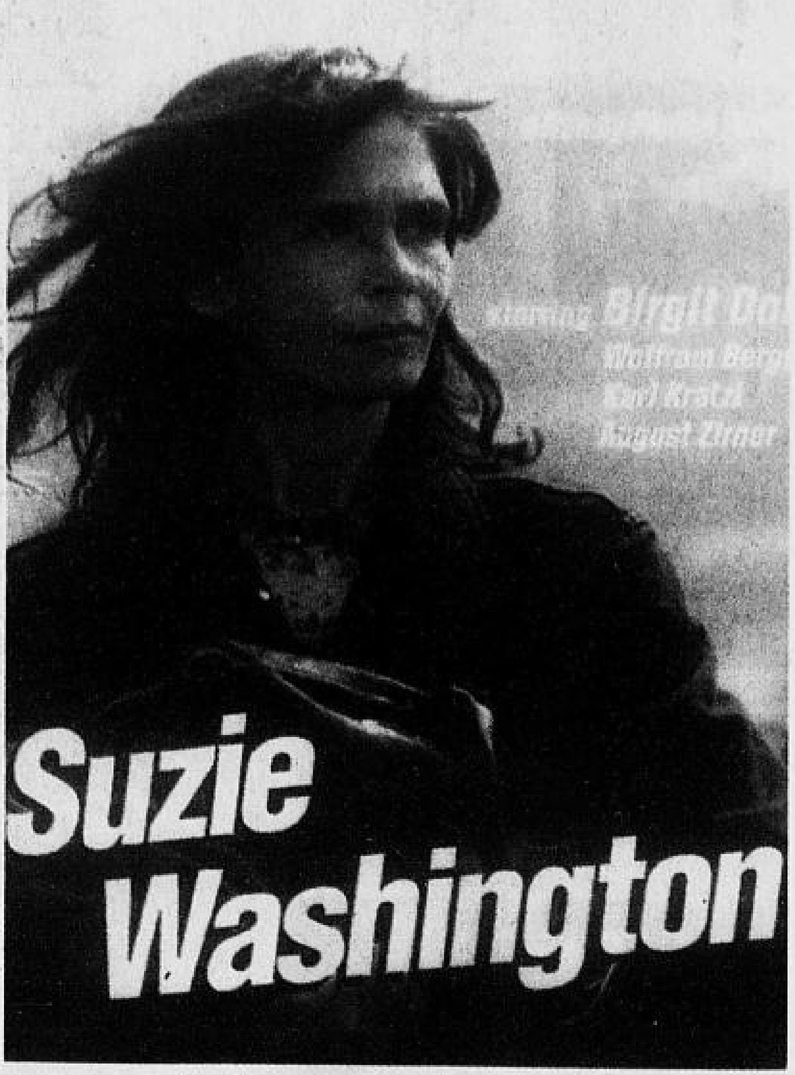
Of the 11 films screened by the European Union at the Shangri-La Mall on Oct. 10-20, we would say only five could approach the amount of excitement generated in us by many of the entries in last year's Cine Europa. And even then, nothing ever came close to the significance and impact of Thomas Vinterberg's "Festen" and Aki Kaurismäki's "Juha," last year's singular moments of high artistry.

The annual filmfest has been hyped as "the best that European cinema can offer." That's not true, not true at all—at least, this year.

Denmark's "Bye Bye Blue Bird," by Katrin Ottarsdóttir, is a neon-bright road movie that turns into a dark family drama. It's a nice movie graced by engaging performances, the drollery counterpoised by the repatriate's love-hate relationship with the native land.

But it is a sharp decline from "Festen," the initial salvo of the Scandinavian filmmakers' vow of chastity, Dogma 95. Also known as "The Celebration," that film has some scenes so nerve-wracking they shook us for weeks. (One crucial scene reappeared in Laurice Guillen's "Tanging Yaman.")

Finland's "Klassikko," by Kari Väänanen, is a rollicking satire against machismo that expands into a strong indictment of society and the media. It is particularly astonishing in the police chief's monologue in praise of criminals, and the last shot (a perfect punctuation).



But then this is another sharp decline, specifically from "Juha," that strange, disturbing black-and-white silent film, based on a 1911 novel, in which Finland's finest filmmaker has uncannily recreated the film techniques and acting mannerisms of the period.

Obvious merits

France's "My Little Business," by Pierre Jolivet, is a charming romp involving an insurance scam. Last year's "Vénus Beauté Institut," by Toni Marshall, is also a frolic, but it has more substance despite its fairy-tale ending, with a commanding performance by Nathalie Baye.

Sweden's "The Christmas Oratorio," by Kjell-Åke Anderson, is a haunting chronicle of a family's sorrow and loss and bittersweet nostalgia. The film traces how the ghost of the past shapes the future of three generations.

It has its obvious merits (cinematography, music, performance), but it couldn't be Sweden's best in recent years. How about Liv Ullmann's "Confessional," which some critics consider the closest one can get of a Bergman film in years? (The master is planning a comeback with a tentatively titled film "Anna.")

Belgium, which had no entry last year, this time sent "Gaston's War," by Robbe de Hert, an involving World War II adventure and drama that exposes the British's betrayal of their allies. This is an explosive film but somewhat defused by an anticlimactic ending.

The United Kingdom's "Wonderland," by Michael Winterbottom, plays like one of those films perennially churned out by the Young French Cinema, that is, a mundane drama with threads of

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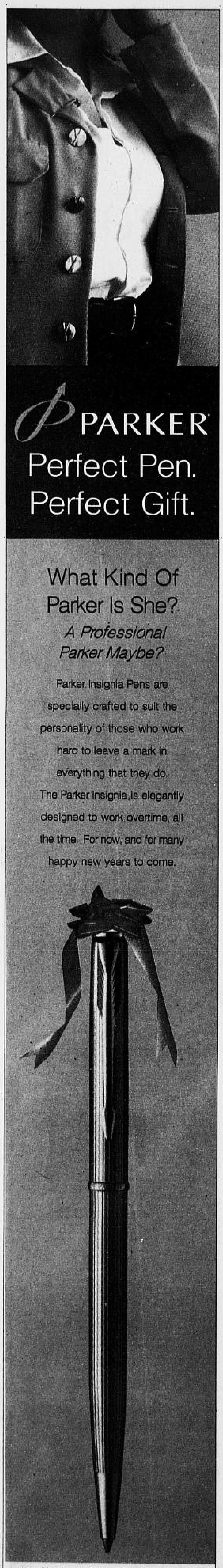
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stories and ensemble casting. The film's look ranges from Godardian roughness to Merchant-Ivory polish—why, at times the filmmaker even employs the technique of Wong Kar-wai.

It's a stylish film made by a stylist without a style. You wouldn't guess that the man who made "Jude" is the same man who made this one. Nonetheless, it is moving in its exploration of the London that tourists never see, and its portrayal of the desperation of lives trapped in a city symphony.

Consistent quality

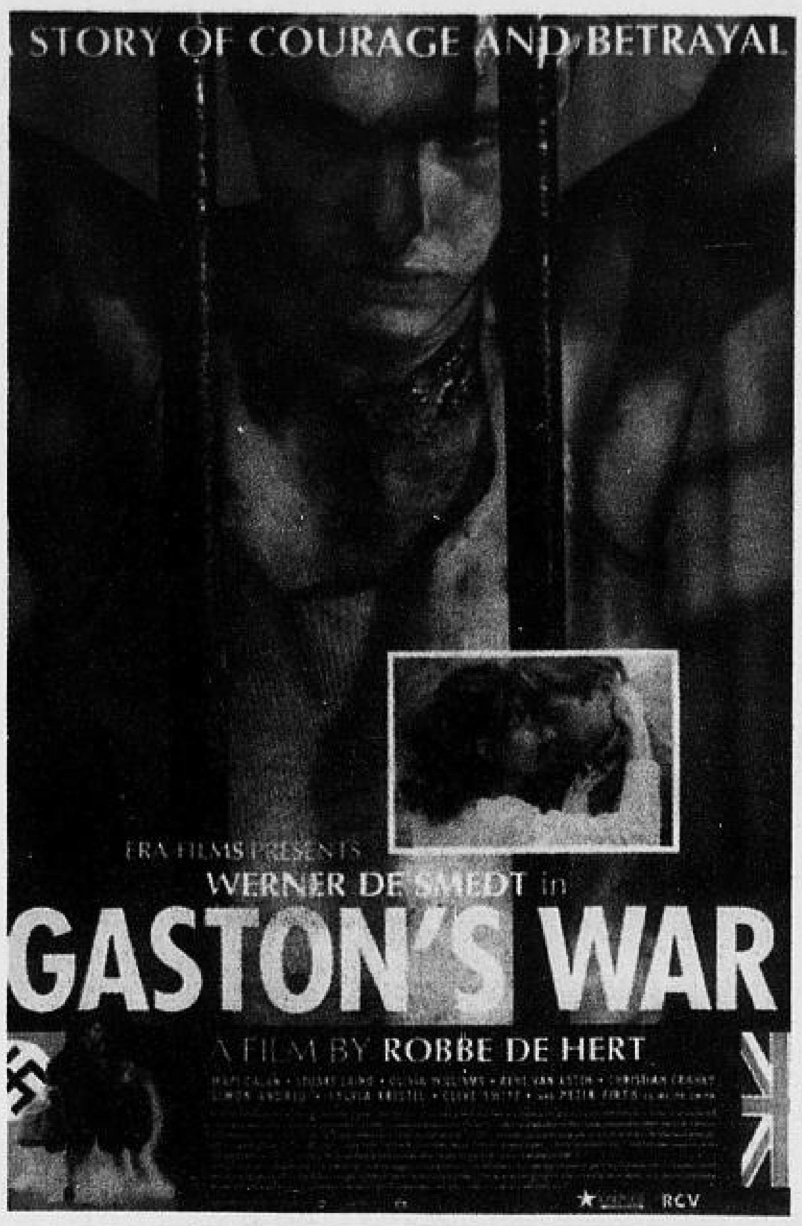
Spain fielded Iciar Bollain's "Flowers from Another World," about the loneliness and alienation gnawing on the hearts of foreigners and bachelors in a remote Castilian town, a landscape so wide yet so confining. This is one of the better films in the festival.

But is this the best Mother Spain can offer us? Filipino moviegoers, for instance, haven't yet seen anything by Alejandro Amenábar, arguably the most exciting young Spanish filmmaker working today. (His complex "Open Your Eyes" has since been remade by Cameron Crowe as "Vanilla Sky," and he's coming up with his first Hollywood outing, "The Others.")

For unknown reasons, Italy's "The Queen of Chess," by Claudia Florio, wasn't screened. (Last year's Italian entry, Lucio Gaudino's "First Light at Dawn," is a perceptive study about two brothers who reunite after the Mafia killed their parents, and it is beautifully photographed, too, amid the Sicilian landscape.)

In lieu, another Belgian film was shown. Belgium, a tiny country, has been consistent in turning out fine films in any festival, and this is one of them.

"Wild Games" is an absurdist film about an advertising executive trapped in an antique elevator for four days. This simple situation conjures a host of existentialist profundities. Throughout, the camera focuses on what's happening inside that elevator and its periphery, and to sustain the viewer's interest for nearly two hours with that kind of confinement is no mean feat. But this the two leads, not to mention the minor characters, have achieved through the intensity and fineness of their acting.



Great filmmaking

Austria's "Suzie Washington," by Florian Flicker, is a bitter drama about a Russian woman who tries to cross the borders to go to America. The flight of this woman across the wide countryside, like the plight of any illegal alien, is as brutal as if she were in prison. The tone is set by the first shot (the woman's silhouette closing the shade of the window by her airplane seat), and that's what great filmmaking is about.

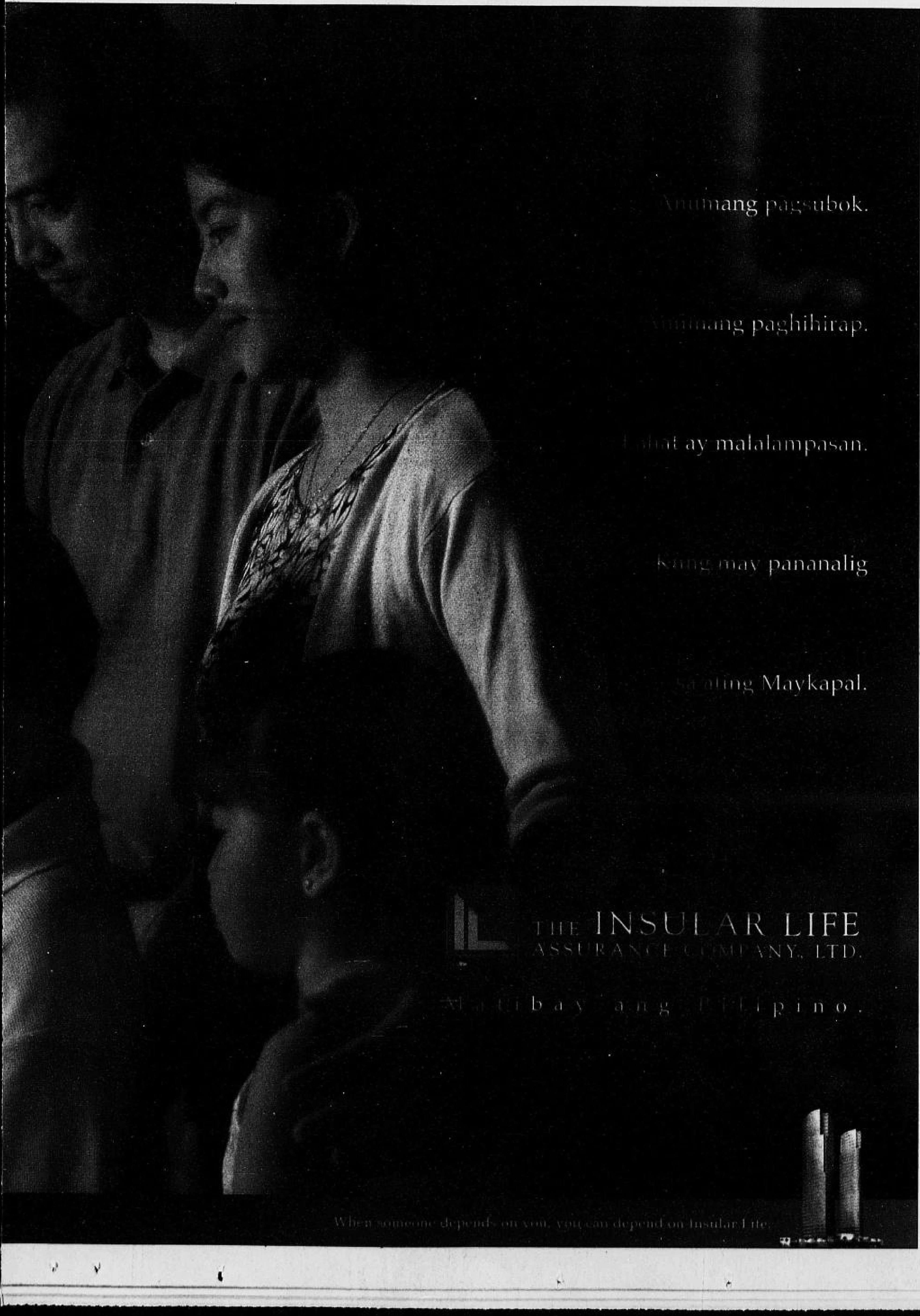
The Netherlands' "Leak," by Jean van de Velde, may be only a high-wire thriller about drug-trafficking and police corruption, but it is so well-made—from the opening scene to the denouement, from the unraveling of the complicated plot to the unfolding of the complex relationships and characterization—that it should become an instant classic of the genre.

This country's entry last year, Orlow Seunke's "Tropic of Emerald," is a harrowing romantic saga playing like a Dutch "Gone with the Wind," set against the backdrop of World War II and the fall of colonialism in the East Indies. This is another tiny country that's consistent in producing quality films.

Germany's "Night Shapes," by Andreas Dresen, is our favorite in the festival. It is the night the Pope is coming to visit Berlin, and the derelicts of the city are going out in the streets, and it is raining...

The fact that this country's entry last year, Helmut Dietl's "Rossini," was also one of the most engaging in that festival, should speak of the quality of its film industry.

Now, if every entry in this festival were as good as the last five films above, we'd probably swallow the hype.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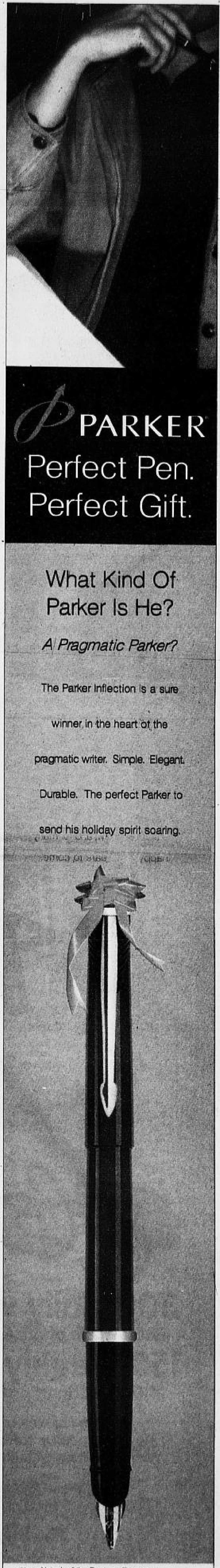
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Veep Guingona toasts RP-Belgium ties

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AMBASSADOR Roland Van Remoortelle and wife Sylvia

AMBASSADOR Isabel Wilson and businesswoman-writer Erlinda Panlilio

ALL'S well that ends well, after all. Vice President and Foreign Secretary Teofisto Guingona attended the Belgian National Day at the Peninsula hosted by Belgian Ambassador Roland Van Remoortele and the envoy's charming wife Sylvia. The foreign secretary gave a gracious toast expressing the gratitude of the Philippine government for all the help extended not only by the Belgian nation but by European countries as well to the Philippines. He also saluted the Belgian religious (the Belgian priests of St. Louis University in Baguio, for instance) who've helped in the education of this country. The nuns present beamed.

In the meantime the hundreds of guests from the diplomatic corps, Philippine government and business sectors made a beeline for the excellent buffet that included a separate table for desserts. Among the well-wishers were Swedish Ambassador and Mme. **Ulf Hakansson**, Danish Ambassador and Mme. **Peter Rosting**, Singapore Ambassador **Jacky Foo** and the brilliant Dr. **Fumian Foo**, who is a doctor of nuclear physics, Ambassador **Isabel Wilson**, **Beth Day Romulo**, Venezuelan Ambassador **Milena Ramirez**, Indian counselor **Gauri Shanker Gupta**, **Gemma Cruz Araneta**, Spanish Ambassador **Tomas Pantoja**, **Evie Costa**, Brazilian counselor **Carlos Carvalho** (he of the golden voice), **Lorivee Valdes**, **Paz Yuchengco** and **Tessie Luz** and on and on into the night.

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"Uncovering the dark secrets of the past..." stated the invitation to the award-winning Israeli documentary "Love Inventory," which was shown in the Jerusalem and Berlin film festivals and which received the Israeli Academy Award. The movie was previewed at Israeli Ambassador **Irit Ben Abba**'s residence with director **David Fisher** gamely answering questions. The one-hour docu deals with the Fisher family's emotional search for a long-lost sister.

AMBASSADOR Irit Ben-Abba and David Fisher

RUTH Guingona, Helen Ong, Mme. EK Sereywath of Cambodia

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Don't forget to drop by the Glorietta on Nov. 30 to Dec. 2 for the Catholic Women's Club's "Clothes for a Cause," a fund-raising activity. Proceeds will be used to finance the final stage of the construction of CWC's third pavilion for the profoundly disturbed children of Elsie Gaches Village. Bring cash, credit card, checks, whichever, but make sure you go there.

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Israeli filmfest at Shangri-La Mall

THE THIRD Israeli Film Festival successfully opened at the Cinema 1 of Shangri-La Mall. Reels of film were artistically set up for the opening rites. Guests of honor were Israeli Ambassador Irit Ben-Abba, Mandaluyong City Mayor Benjamin Abalos Jr., Shangri-La Mall president Tom Zita Jr. and GM Lala Fojas.

In her brief message, Ben-Abba described the opening film titled "Under the Domim Tree" as a revelation of the "suspicious mystery of Israeli society." She also acknowledged the efforts of her Second Secretary Roi Dvir, admin attaché Zvia Zomech and PR officers Lailani Cruz together with Shangri-La marketing execs Sandy Trela, Saki Ramos, Lyn Singson and Guia Tieng for making the Third Israeli Film Festival a success.

"Under the Domim Tree," directed by Eli Cohen, is the coming-of-age story of a group of teenage survivors of the Holocaust. The story takes place in a boarding school in Israel in the 1950s. Seen and told through the eyes of Aviya, the only girl among the teenagers, the story unfolds against the backdrop of public debate on the issue of accepting reparations for the Nazi atrocities. This awakens the dormant individual memories of each youth and creates sharp conflicts that influence their coming of age with tears, problems of identity and first love.

At the reception, members of the diplomatic corps enjoyed a sumptuous array of dishes whipped up by Ilustrado. Spotted were Ambassador Anatoli I. Khmelnitski of the Russia, British Council's Rodney Bell, Lucha Prieto of the Mexican embassy, Marja Korhonen of Finland embassy, Christoph Bolliger of the Switzerland embassy, Victor Savolsky and Alexander Sryvkov of the Russian embassy, Claudia Schor and Manuela Ferrari of the Swiss embassy, and Rachel Dvir and Yaron Somech of Israeli embassy.

There were also Columbia Pictures' Aaron Pines with wife Evelina, businessman Isaac Shafir and his wife Izabella, Chief Justice Hilario Davide's wife Virginia, Marcelo and Aunjoo Minc of Asian Development Bank, director Cynthia Lazo of the tourism department, Anz Convalecer, Nina Cainglet and Renato Villapando of the Department of Foreign Affairs and director Arlene M. Reyes of the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

Coming in full force were Shalom Club Philippines members like Zeny Ubaldo, Marlyn Ignacio, Maleah Gildore, Sr. Riv Khea, Maria Carmela Francisco and Josephine Dominguez.

Special attraction of the Third Israeli Film Festival was the screening of the short films produced by students of prestigious Camera Obscura Film School. Other films featured were Naftali Alter's "Mrs. Vs. Miss," Eitan Green's "As Tears Go By," Eytan Fox's "Song of the Siren" and David Fisher's "Love Inventory."

SR. Riv Khea, Virginia Davide, Ambassador Irit Ben-Abba and Zeny Ubaldo

MANDALUYONG City Mayor Ben Hur Abalos Jr. (center) with Shangri-La Mall president Tom Zita Jr. and GM Lala Fojas.

Flag-waving Americans in Wisconsin cheer Cecile Licad

BY PABLO A. TARIMAN

The pianist also reduces New Yorkers to tears with her Gottchalk number

CECILE Licad is no stranger to standing ovations and for the nth time, she made news in Madison, USA recently with the music critics of two Wisconsin newspapers vying for superlatives in describing her performance as soloist of the Madison Symphony in Saint Saens' Second Piano Concerto.

John Aehl of the Wisconsin State Journal and Michael Muckian of the Capital Times noted that the city is no stranger to excellent performances, thus making it difficult for performers to stand above the crowd.

The latter, however, made it clear in the beginning of his review that the diminutive Licad proved that she would forever be seen as a giant among performers. Muckian noted that the Philippine-born pianist executed one of the most passionate and technically complex performances Wisconsin had ever seen.

Reported the Capital Times: "Indeed, Licad's performance set a new standard by which all other guest artists will be judged and well deserved the raucous, enthusiastic standing ovation she received at the end of the 23-minute concerto. Nothing in recent memory compares to her impassioned playing."

The Wisconsin State Journal critic, on the other hand, observed that Licad's performance "graced us with the finest virtuosic performance on piano I have ever experienced in more than a quarter of a century of attending live performances of the orchestra." Critic Aehl qualified that critics should not be too chary of trotting out superlatives, but it couldn't be helped that the Filipina pianist's performance simply demanded superlatives.

"From the big and bold opening cadenza to final exciting chords," he reported, "one was awestruck by her playing—what marvelous fluidity, power, dexterity, delicacy, precision. Exciting to behold, a privilege to hear."

As if that were not enough, the critic invited readers to watch a second performance and called Licad's gala performance as "the finest piano playing in the world."

At the end of her performance, Licad played the "Union" section of Gottchalk for an encore; it reduced patriotic Americans to tears. Backstage, a teary-eyed gentleman handed Licad a mini-American flag as a tribute to her performance. It turned out that the piece has passages from the Star-Spangled Banner.

A few days later, Licad performed a recital (Op. 25 Chopin études on the first part and an all-Gottchalk program in the finale) at the Rockefeller University Hall and again at the end of her last piece called "Union," her New York audience again cheered and were moved to tears. A touching sight was a teary-eyed lady in wheel chair telling Licad how moved she was by her performance.

CECILE LICAD. Another round of standing ovations in Wisconsin and New York

Here and there

The late conductor Redentor Romero will be given a special concert tribute on Dec. 17 at the Cultural Center of the Philippines with a special recital of sensational Romanian violinist Alexander Tumescu; Korean flutist Hae Won Shin is guest artist. Highlight of the recital is the performance of the Cesar Franck and Maurice Ravel sonatas. For tickets, call the National Philharmonic office at 815-2651 or call (0918) 737-6901 or page 141-117765.

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There is a new drama group called Tanghal: Kritiko ng mga Dulang Pilipino, which aims to promote a vibrant national theater movement and fill the need for a sustained criticism and study of Philippine drama. The members include writer-critic Bienvenido Lumbera, food and culture critic and Ateneo communications professor Doreen Fernandez, UP drama professor Jina Umali, drama and literature professor Jerry Respeto, performance artist Roselle Pineda, Ateneo instructor of Philippine literature and culture Karenina Tariman, actor-playwright Glecy Atienza, Alyansa executive committee member Frederick Castro and professors Leo Zafra and Rolando Tolentino. Among the programs to be launched by Tanghal are theater reviews, quarterly citation of drama productions and an annual awards ceremony, among others. For inquiries, call Glecy Atienza at 924-4899 or Jerry Respeto at (0919) 207-3105.

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The PPP Chamber Music series continued on Nov. 18 at the Marriott Hotel Ballroom in Cebu City with a performance of Mozart's String Quarter in C Major, Vivaldi's Bassoon Concerto in C Minor, Brahms Sonata for Violin and Piano, Op. 78 with pianist Jonathan Coo and Hofmeister's Concerto for Clarinet and Bassoon. Soloists were Ariel Perez, bassoon; Roberto del Rosario, clarinet; Melissa Exmundo, violin I; Jeffrey Solares, violin II; Gerry Varona, viola and Masayuki Nishimura, cello.

Meanwhile, the Peace Philharmonic 2001 season will close the series with two concerts at the Cebu Plaza Grand Lobby on Dec. 7 (6 p.m.) and on Dec. 9 (6 p.m.) at the Cebu Waterfront Hotel Grand Ballroom. Guest artists are Japanese conductor Tetsuji Honna and violinist Coke Bolipata who is soloist in the Beethoven D Major Concerto. For inquiries, call the Salvador and Pilar Sala Foundation office at (032) 231-1341.

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PIANIST Nena del Rosario

From what we heard, the European tour (Spain, Austria and Prague) of the Philippine Philharmonic under Ruggero Barbieri was well-received, especially the soloists that included singers Camille Lopez and Abdul Candao and pianist Nena del Rosario who was soloist in the Mozart D Minor Concerto in Prague. The last concert was held at the Spanish Hall of the Prague Castle. A foreign affairs official was quoted to have said after the tour, "You did one half of our job." The official was saying that an ensemble of Filipino musicians was the best way to sell the country and he was right. The foreign press thinks the country is represented in the foreign media by the Abu Sayyaf and government officials involved in assorted scams.

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The St. Stephen's Parish in Sta. Cruz, Manila will have its annual choral concert on Dec. 2 at 4 p.m. at the church sanctuary. Featured choral pieces are contemporary works by John Rutter to be interpreted by the mixed choirs trained by Celia Yu Ong and are now under Prof. Armando Salarza who just returned from a successful tour of Europe.

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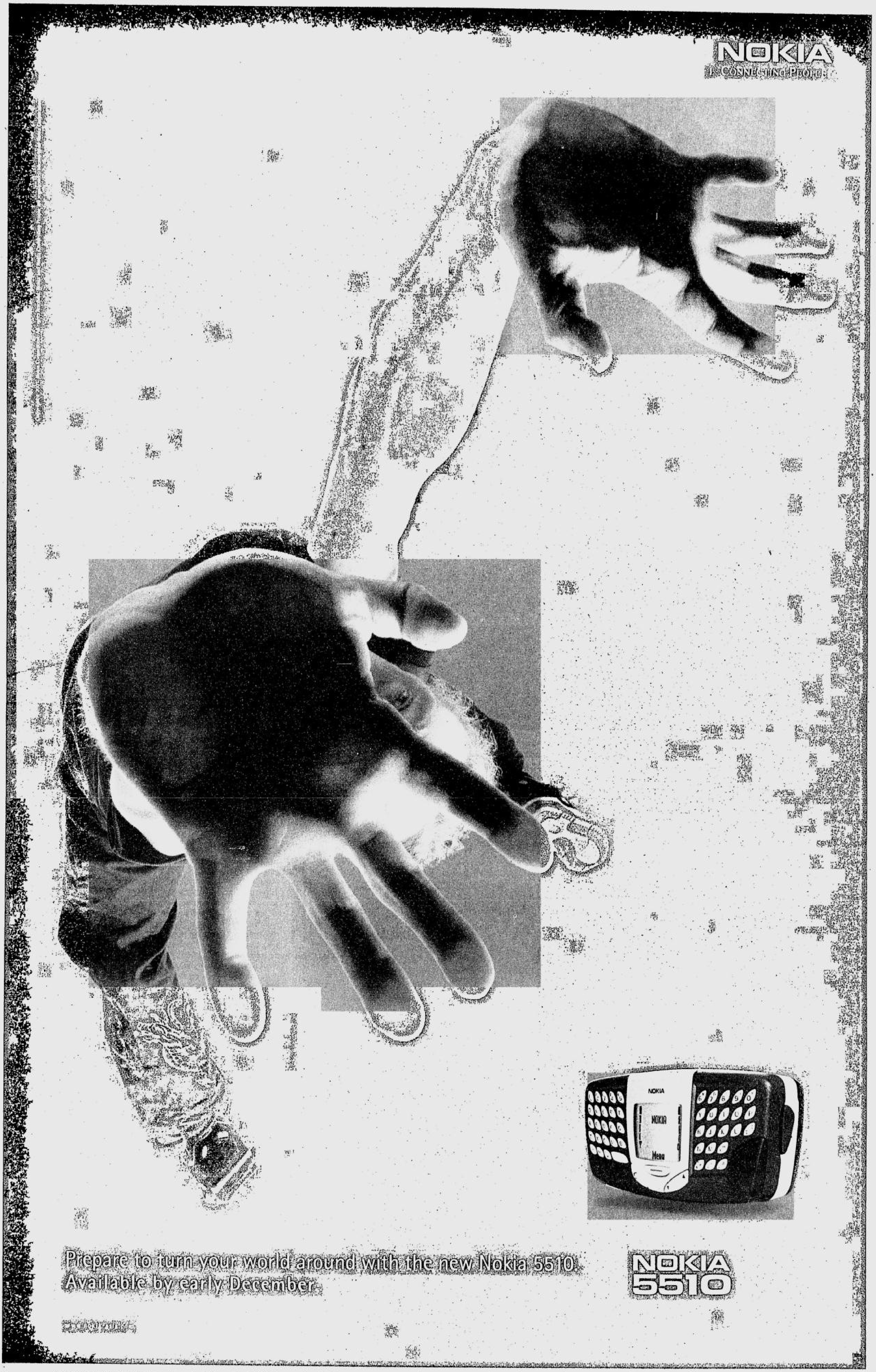
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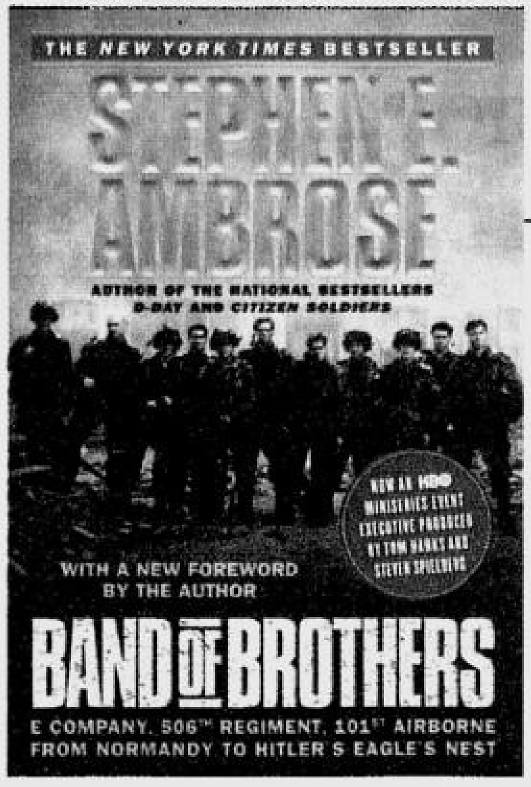
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REVIEW

WAR is never pretty, especially in literature. But it can be truthful. That is what many readers look for in a wartime book, no matter the consequences. The carnage and courage of the battlefield go hand in hand as far as World War II reading experiences are concerned.

Stephen E. Ambrose is one of those rare writers who can recreate a war in a manner that is at once honest, haunting and also relatively easy to read. Most of the over 20 books Ambrose has written are about the Second World War, most notably unflinching records like "D-Day," "Citizen Soldiers" and "The Wild Blue." But thanks to Tom Hanks, Steven Spielberg and HBO, Ambrose's "Band of Brothers," a retelling of the European exploits of E Company, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, US Army, has become hot literary territory, with the 10-part miniseries just having had it worldwide premiere.

Odyssey

E Company, or "Easy Company" for short, was in effect some of the war's best warriors, and "Band of Brothers" follows their odyssey from the time they arrive at Camp Toccoa, Georgia in July 1942 to the time they finish the war in Austria in July 1945. Yet those three short years change the course of the war in Europe—and the lives of all participants.

"Band of Brothers" introduces the many colorful individuals in Easy as well as the men who shaped them, in one way or the other. From the strict and hated Capt. Herbert Sobel, who made them what they were, to Lt. Dick Winters, who

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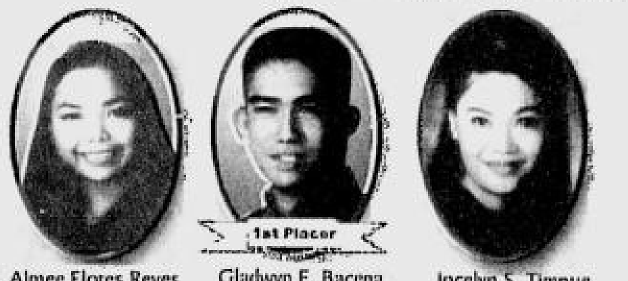

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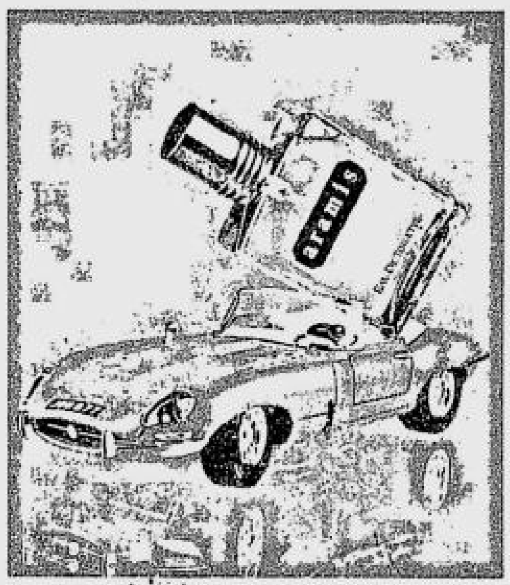

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Support is pouring for Marilao church renovation

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Josephine Darang

AS the parishioners of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Marilao, Bulacan begin to raise money for the rebuilding of their church, their bishop, Rolando Tria Tirona, cannot help but feel proud of his people led by the parish priest, Fr. Avelino Santos, in going out of their way to improve their church.

Bishop Tirona runs 98 parishes in the Diocese of Malolos; he has 170 priests. All of them, he told me, are hardworking and very conscientious in their evangelization work.

Now that Father Santos has been able to get the people to support the church renovation, which is being done for the first time since 1967, he told the guests gathered at the Club Filipino where the project was launched that, indeed, the St. Michael church would be "a work of art, a work of God."

Spearheading the project are Ogie Villamar and Edna Ramos as chairs, together with project committee members Larry Cruz, Gigi Ramos-Mesina, Eleanor Gutierrez and Zenaida Gonzales.

Executive advisers are Father Santos and Jose Natividad. Auditors are Roberto Hermoso and Purificacion de Guzman. Helping as special committee members are Violeta Dalmacio, Paulino Espiritu, Lita Raymundo, Remegio San Luis, Techie Duran-Dy, Raul Peña, Larry Resurreccion, Ramon Sy and Eric Villarica.

Marilao Mayor Nonoy Duran pledged a side altar of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the name of his wife, the late Lenny Duran. Church interior designer Tony Adriano designed the main altar with the triumphant Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth in the left, the crucified Christ in the middle and the triumph of good over evil with the St. Michael the Archangel on the right. The resurrected Christ is on top of the crucified Christ with the white dove on top of it representing the Holy Spirit.

The main altar will not only be renovated; the roof, ceiling and floors will also be changed. The church of St. Michael is a very old church that was put up as a small chapel on April 21, 1786 by Padre Vicente de Talavera when the town and parish in Marilao were put up.

It was made bigger in 1848. It got burned in 1899 during the Phil-American War. It was rebuilt in 1902; the original edifice was restored in 1922. The church was finished under Fr. Jose Salas. St. Michael devotees who would like to help can write Fr. Avelino Santos, St. Michael the Archangel Parish Church, Marilao, Bulacan.

St. Lucy chapel in Calumpit

IT is heartwarming to know that readers went out of their way to tell me where to find the chapel or church of St. Lucy, patroness of good eyesight. First, Bishop Tirona told me it is in Calumpit under the parish of St. Joseph with Fr. Rodel Cristobal as parish priest.

Calls confirmed this fact, but there are other places that have St. Lucy as patroness. They are in Manggahan, Pasig; Aringay in La Union; Capalonga in Camarines Norte and Macaiban *poblacion* in Santa Maria, Bulacan. Those suffering bad eyesight can pray to St. Lucy. More on her in a future column. Her feast day is Dec. 13.

Prayer of silence workshop

FR. Laurence Freeman, ISB will hold a workshop on the prayer of silence on Nov. 30, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Teatro Aguinaldo in Camp Aguinaldo. In endorsing this workshop, this event, Cardinal Sin said in his message: "Prayer is the root of our Christian life. A strong and stable prayer life enables a person to face life with hope and joy. No amount of trial or challenge can weaken a prayerful person. Thus, it is imperative that we seek ways and means to enhance our prayer life."

For tickets, please call Maripi at 824-9595 or 726-0628.

St. Andrew chapel in Camarines Sur

FR. Julio Buena wrote from St. Andrew the Apostle Parish Church in Sagnay, Camarines Sur where he is the new parish priest. Father Buena used to be the parish priest of the church of St. Joseph in Barrio Tinaambac in Cagliliog; he was helped by my readers tremendously in improving the church there.

St. Andrew parish will mark its 317th fiesta on Nov. 29-30. Father Buena wishes to solicit help in preparation for the fiesta. They also need a new sound system that would cost P12,000. There are other expenses involved. Those who wish to help can write Fr. Julio Buena at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish Church, Sagnay, Camarines Sur.

Our Lady of Namacpacan

I'VE always been fascinated by Our Lady of Namacpacan, patroness of Luna, La Union. Now comes a letter from Avelina Hagunos, president of the Blue Army, telling me that the Our Lady of Namacpacan who is enshrined at the church of St. Catherine de Alexandria marked the 42nd anniversary of her canonical coronation on Nov. 24, which was two days ago. The Papal Nuncio, Most Rev. Antonio Franco, reenacted the coronation.

In a story written by Mary Jane Ortega herself, Rosa Roldan, who was born lame, was a peasant girl living in Busel-busel, a barangay less than a kilometer east of the *poblacion*. This story happened in the 1940s and Rosa was only 13 years old then.

Alone in the hut one noontime as her parents were out in the fields, Rosa heard the voice of an old woman asking for a drink of cold water. Since she could not walk and get the water herself, Rosa told the old woman to help herself. But the old woman also asked for food because she was hungry. Again, Rosa told her to get the food, which was leftover rice and fish.

When the old woman drank the water from the coconut shell, the water that touched her lips spilled on the legs of Rosa. Immediately, Rosa felt strength permeate her whole being, including her legs. She began to walk.

The old woman whom Rosa had been addressing "Apo Baket" thanked Rosa for the food and also told her to go to the church the following morning and she would meet her at the side altar on the north side of the church.

As Rosa would later find out, Apo Baket was Our Lady of Namacpacan. In no time, Rosa was called "*Nagasat nga* Rosa," which means "Lucky Rosa." She also began to heal the sick and told fishermen where to throw their nets. They always came home with a bountiful catch.

Our Lady of Napacpacan was so called because Luna used to be the town of Namacpacan, which in Ilocano means "one who feeds." Those who wish to have novenas to Our Lady of Namacpacan can write me. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with two P5 stamps for easier mailing.

Rosary telethon on Dec. 1

JOIN the Rosary telethon on Dec. 1, 10 p.m.-12:30 midnight on ANC 21 and NBN 4. Call PLDT at 928-MARY (or 928-6279) and pledge to pray daily the Rosary for peace for the whole country and for the world. Text your pledge by writing "Pray4-Peace, texter's name, city/province." Send to 2331 for Globe or 245 for Smart.

Our Lady of Buen Suceso feast

THE PARISH of St. Andrew in La Huerta, Parañaque will hold the fiesta of Our Lady of Buen Suceso on Nov. 29. *Buen suceso*, which means "good events," was the title given to the Virgin after a 7-year-old boy picked up the name six times. I've been a devotee since 1994 and I feel that I have been tremendously blessed all these years.

Ephesus House to be inaugurated

THE EPHESUS House in Guiguinto, Bulacan will be inaugurated by Bulacan Gov. Josie de la Cruz on Dec. 5 at 10 a.m. Bishop Rolando Tirona will celebrate the Mass in the chapel donated by lawyer Mario Oreta.

OUR Lady of Namacpacan of La Union

Ephesus House is a shelter for abused children and run by the Loving Hands of Joseph and Mary Foundation. The spiritual adviser is Fr. Boyet Concepcion.

Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

THE VINCENTIAN priest and brothers of St. Vincent de Paul Parish invites everyone to the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal on Nov. 27 at the parish church located at 959 San Marcelino St., Ermita, Manila. A novena Mass will be held until today at 5 p.m. On Nov. 27, a whole-day celebration of Masses will be held. Bishop Soc Villegas will celebrate the 5 p.m. Mass. Those who wish to sponsor any of the novena and feast day Masses may go to the parish office for proper arrangement.

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San Agustin music fest features French trio

THE THIRD San Agustin International Music Festival opens Nov. 27 with the gala performance at 8 p.m. of a French chamber music formation, the Jérôme Hantaï Trio.

Invited by the French embassy for this occasion, the trio composed of virtuosi on *viola de gambas* are presenting a repertoire of 16th- and 17th-century music at the hall of San Agustin Church in Intramuros. Jérôme Hantaï, Alix Verzier and Kaori Uemura have been brought together by their passion for the music of Les Arts Florisssants, under the tutelage of Wieland Kujiken.

The soirée, which will be presided by French Ambassador Gilles Chouraqui, promises a night of beautiful music from Purcell (two *fantaisies*), Bach (three *voices fugues*) and Tomkins ("In Nomine").

CD of religious songs and Christmas carols

MATINS continues the tradition of Jesuit music for meditation begun by "Lauds" and "Vespers," inspired by both the sounds of chamber music and the stirrings of the spirit.

Matins takes its name from the Liturgy of the Hours, the prayer of the afternoon, in which the theme of God's love and enduring presence in the world emerges from different selections from Scripture. In the same way, Matins draws together diverse voices and textures, of viola and guitar, cello and flute, bass and violin, to bring those who hear to prayer.

For this first offering, Matins revisits traditional Christmas carols and familiar Jesuit Christmas songs, bringing new flavor to the joy of Christmas. From such composers as Fathers Eddie Hontiveros and Manoling Francisco, Scholastic Arnel Aquino, and even laity like Norman Agatep, Jandi Arboleda and Paulo Tirol, the songs from Matins invite those who would believe to enter the stables of their hearts and find the answer to all their longings.

Bukas Palad holds Christmas concert at Meralco Theater

THE BUKAS-PALAD Music Ministry will celebrate its 15th anniversary with a concert, "Christmas Praise," on Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m. and Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Meralco Theater. The concert is for the benefit of the Ateneo Scholarship Fund and Jesuit Volunteers Philippines

Accompanying Bukas-Palad will be the Philippine Pops Orchestra under the baton of Gerard Salonga, himself an Ateneo alumnus.

Other alumni and friends such as Karylle, Noel Cabangon, Tony Lambino, Jeff Arcilla and the Ateneo Boys Choir will also join them. Special guests are The CompanY, Jose Mari Chan and Liza Chan.

Tickets are available at P150, P300 and P500 for the gala performances and P100, P250 and P400 for the matinee. Call the Office of Planning and Development and Alumni Affairs at 426-6001 local 4084 and 4089, or the Office of Admission and Aid at 426-6001 local 5150.

New Day releases devotional guide

NEW DAY Publishers has released "The Upper Room," a daily devotional guide, at National Bookstore, Goodwill and Philippine Bible Society bookstore nationwide.

The guide is an international, interdenominational and interracial guide published bimonthly in 44 languages and 71 editions and used by at least 10 million families worldwide. Each booklet contains simple and practical daily devotions written by Christians from all over the world based on passages from the Holy Bible.

"For three decades now, New Day has been propagating inspirational messages to Christians regardless of sectarian affiliation through the distribution of easy-to-understand reading devotionals," New Day executive editor Bezalie Uckung said. "With the availability of 'The Upper Room' to a wider public, we hope to contribute to the spiritual nourishment of Filipinos."

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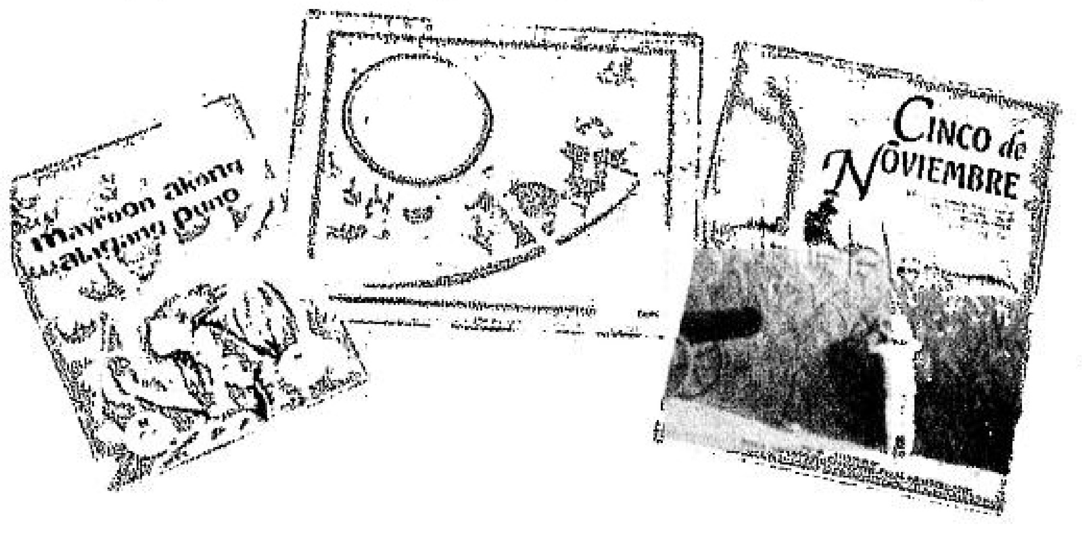

Children's book board joins international center

By Neni Sta. Romana-Cruz

THREE months ago, the Philippine Board on Books for Young People (PBBY) reactivated its membership in the International Books for Young People and again became an official national section of the Switzerland-based IBBY. The decision capped many years of on-and-off discussions on whether it was a prudent move for a nonprofit organization of volunteers to be part of the IBBY.

Philosophically, it was the right thing to do, since the IBBY as an international network of people from all over the world committed to bringing books and children together was what inspired the conception of PBBY 18 years ago.

Then as now, the problematic factor was the question of resources and the capability to pay the annual membership fees. But even while the PBBY was a nonmember before, its members like Virgilio Almario, a founding member, and Beaulah P. Taguiwalo, the present chair, continued on as individual members.

What emboldened us to become a full-fledged member again especially in these bleak times? It seemed the logical way to go with the PBBY's full and rich calendar of activities all year round, the National Children's Book Day on its 19th year, and the organization itself going great. There were just too many events in the promotion of reading and the publication of children's literature to be ignored and kept out of the international groove. We would read of other National Sections' reading promotion projects and felt our efforts needed to be similarly recognized, and the authors and illustrators of Philippine children's literature be better known and appreciated beyond our shores.

Socialized

In a sense, the IBBY membership dues structure is socialized because it is based on the country's GNP and book market presence. Because of this, the Philippines is in the bottom rung, along with Malaysia, Thailand, and Indonesia. The annual membership fee, roughly equivalent to $1,000, was paid from modest savings of and donations to the PBBY over the years. We are optimistic that sponsorships will see us through the next several years. Thus, as of July 1, the Philippines, along with New Zealand and Panama, has joined some 60 other Countries in the IBBY.

As a National Section, PBBY can submit nominations that highlight the best in current Philippine children's literature. The nominees have been officially accepted as part of the upcoming IBBY Honour List 2002, a traveling collection of books chosen as representative of the best in their country and recommended as suitable for publication all over the world. This emphasizes the IBBY objectives of encouraging world understanding through children's literature and the publication of books of high literary and artistic quality, especially in developing countries.

There are three categories for the Honour List. The Author nomination was for Rene B. Javellana, S.J., for "Cinco de Noviembre" (Bookmark, 2000); the Illustration nomination was for Arnel Mirasol for "The Brothers Wu and the Good Luck Eel" (written by Fran Ng and published by Tahanan in 2000); and the Translator nomination is for Danilo M. Reyes for "Mayroon Akong Alagang Puno" (written by Carla Pacis and published in 1999 by Adarna).

> By joining the International Books for Young People, the PBBY seeks to make Philippine children's literature known beyond our shores

These books will join the collection that will circulate around the world after the IBBY Biennial Congress in Basel, Switzerland, in 2002, when the catalog will be launched and the books publicly shown for the first time. After that, seven parallel sets of the books will be at exhibitions during conferences and book fairs. What mileage for our writers and illustrators! The permanent collections are housed at the International Youth Library in Munich, the Swiss Children's Book Institute in Zurich, and the Bibiana Research Collection in Bratislava.

One set of the IBBY Honour List 2000, a 128-book collection that includes a Harry Potter version in Finnish, is now permanently housed in the Philippines in the Children's Media Center of International School of Manila.

Hans Christian Andersen Award

PBBY has also nominated Rene O. Villanueva for the Hans Christian Andersen Award, presented by the IBBY every two years to a living author and an illustrator whose body of works has made a significant contribution to children's literature. Anyone who has read any of Rene's books knows how deserving he is to be the uncontested choice for what is often dubbed the "Little Nobel Prize."

Skeptics may question the wisdom of pitting our books against those of more developed countries. The Honour Books collection is not a competition, but the best representatives from the National Sections. The HCAA is where the competition is; an international panel of five jurors screen the nominees. The only honoree from Asia so far was Michio Mado from Japan in 1994. Recent honorees were USA's Katherine Paterson in 1998 and Brazil's Ana Maria Machado in 2000. The competition is stiff, but Villanueva is of legendary stature.

Correction: The article "Teller of Tales Comes Home," on Laya Salumbides, carried two glaring errors.Francie Castañeda's school is The Learning Tree. Salumbides has been influenced by three tellers: Donald Davis of North Carolina; an 87-year old woman speaking in a monotone; a Native American woman who tells her stories while staring at the floor the entire time. My apologies.

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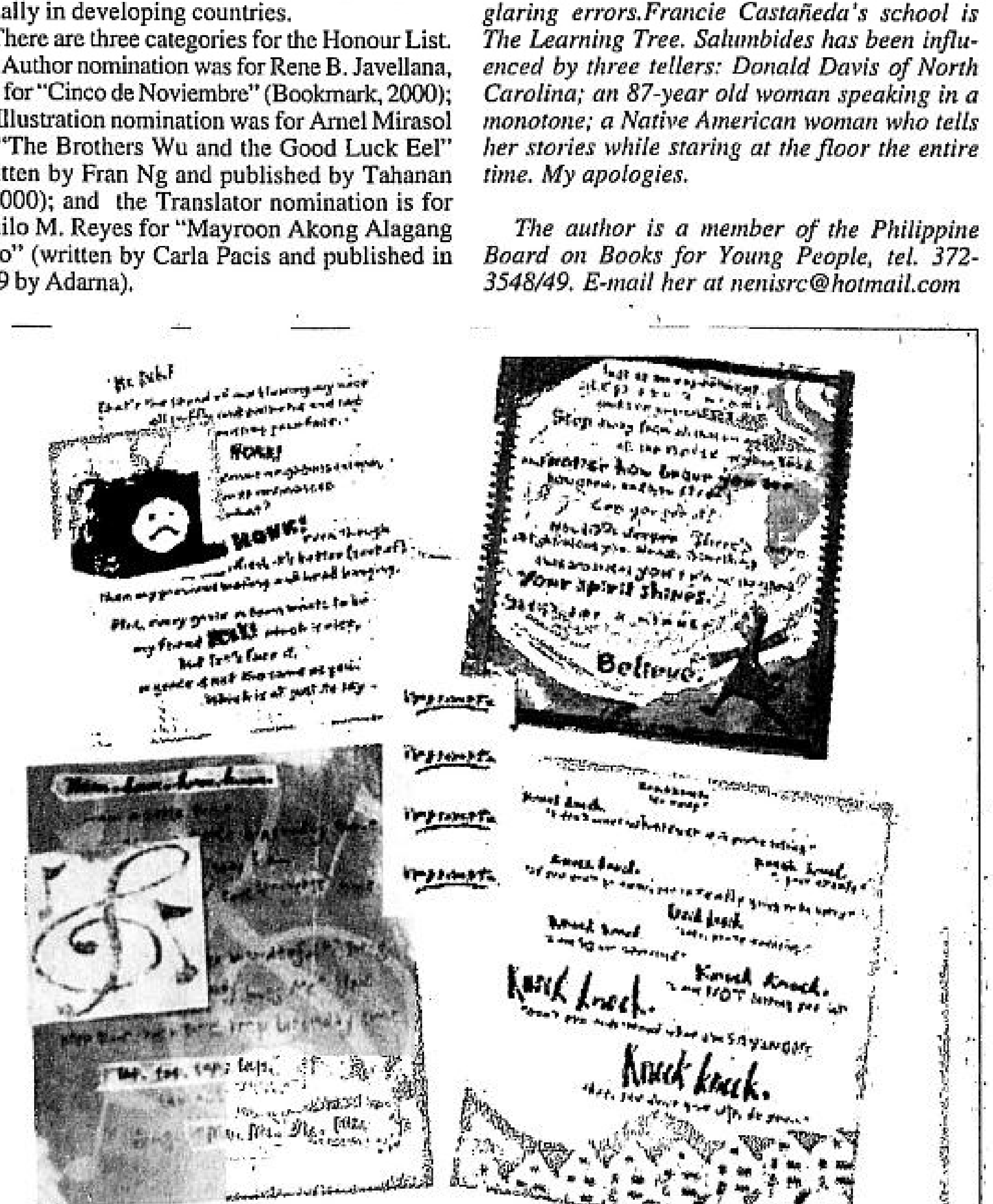

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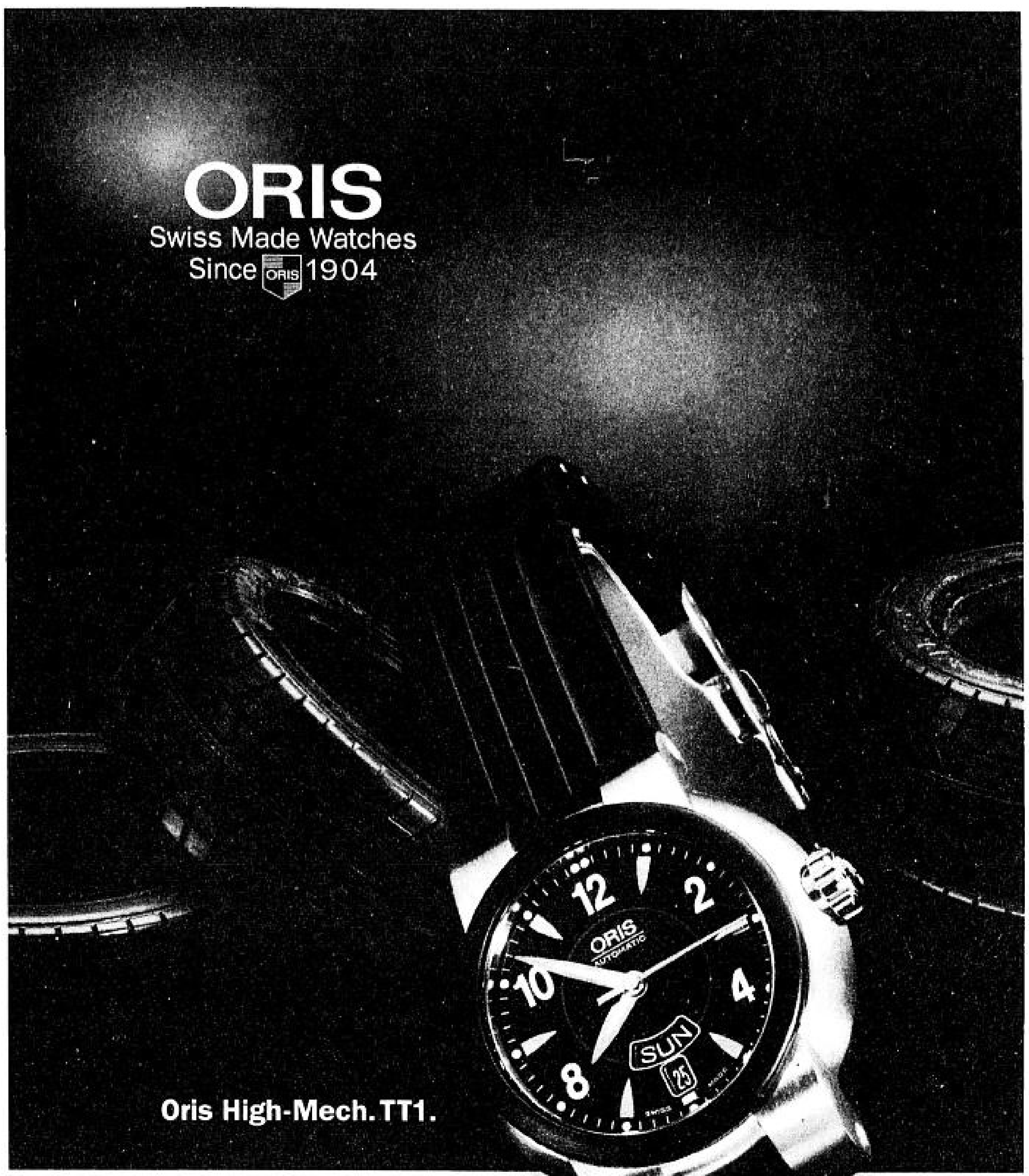

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showed them what they could be on the field. Every man in Easy Company, from Shifty to Guarnare, from Moose to Gordon, is a vivid, compelling character needing no embellishment to be interesting.

Readers will marvel at the noticeable feats of Winters, in particular. Laconic and somewhat square, he is the single most admired individual in this book. Readers will wish they had met him. He is impressive and he is for real. One won't forget his battle cry—"Follow Me"—as he leads Easy Company out into the battle. Additionally, readers will be briefed on just how much it takes to become one of the 101 paratroopers—the Screaming Eagles.

Fear and excitement

"Band of Brothers" shows how Easy came together under the constant direction of Sobel—and how they became great under the operational leadership of Winters. As they parachute into Normandy during the D-Day invasion, readers will feel the excitement. As the soldiers drop into hell on earth, the readers will feel fear. From there on, Ambrose tells the reader in smooth, efficient passages, exactly how the men of Easy distinguished themselves in the European theater of operations, with the men themselves speaking now and then. There is also a lot of quoted correspondence, mostly from Winters and particularly from young David Webster, the Harvard-educated man of words who winds up a good man in war but nevertheless captures many of the conflict's contradictions in his letters home.

What readers get is a portrait of a time gone mad, and of normal men who become super soldiers because they needed to protect each other. "Band of Brothers" is ostensibly a chronicle of the war's most impressive unit, but it is also a story of camaraderie and sacrifice. Ambrose does not flinch when he discusses death, but neither does he wallow in it. He records it, reflects on it, and like the men of Easy Company, move on to what must be done next.

Nerve-racking

The battles are serious and often nerve-racking without being gung-ho. Real action, in other words. Every part of "Band of Brothers" drips with authenticity, owing to Ambrose's exhaustive research. One can almost hear the sound of Thompson Sub—machineguns braying in the night, of the endless shelling at the front line. Ambrose also shows a much-appreciated bent for balance, accuracy and restraint, making sure that the book stays focused. Readers searching only for blood and gore should jump in some other literary foxhole. This is a very thoughtful, painful and inspiring book about what binds men together.

Perhaps the only possible shortcoming the HBO series will have is that the 10 parts will simply not be enough to capture the scope and the drama of this book. This is a gritty yet very reader-friendly book that accurately pictures both the horror and the heroism of America's best paratroopers. "Band of Brothers" is Stephen E. Ambrose's powerful ode to the fighting men of Easy Company, for whom nothing came easy but who overcame all obstacles to help save the free world. Read this book, bear witness, lock and load—then move out.

Available at National Bookstore and PowerBooks.

Writers invade Dumaguete for annual PEN meeting

EDITH Tiempo

NATIONAL Artist Edith Tiempo will deliver the keynote address and Isagani Cruz will deliver the Jose Rizal Lecture when the Philippine P.E.N. (Poets and Playwrights, Essayists and Novelists) holds its annual conference on Nov. 30 to Dec. 1 at the CAP Building, Dumaguete City. Theme of the conference is "Return to Literary Art."

The sessions will be participated in by some of the country's top writers. Marjorie Evasco will chair the session on "Women's Contribution to Philippine Literature." Panelists include Ophelia Dimalanta, Mila Aguilar, Susan Lara, Menchu Sarmiento, Fe Aldava Yap, Lakambini Sitoy, Domini Torrevillas, Elsa Coscolluela, Priscilla Macansantos and Edna May Landicho.

Lilia Ramos de Leon and Rosario Cruz Lucero will chair the session on "Literature from the South." Panelists include Resil Mojares, Aida Rivera Ford, Antonio Enriquez, Anthony Tan, Jaime An-Lim, Leo Deriada, Victor Sugbo, Christine Ortega, Merle Alunan, Simeon Dumdum and Butch Macansantos.

Charlson Ong will chair the session on "Writing as Liberative Art." Panelists include Bienvenido Lumbera, Karl Gaspar, Don Pagusara, Carlos Cortez, Macario Tiu and Domingo Landicho.

The plenary session will be chaired by Movie and Television Review and Classification Board chair Alejandro Roces. Chair of the conference is Elmer Ordonez. Nieves B. Epistola will lead the reading of the P.E.N. Chapter and National Artist F. Sionil Jose will moderate the Jose Rizal Lecture.

Tribute to Ed Tiempo

ANVIL Publishing Inc. launches "Tribute: An Anthology of Contemporary Philippine Fiction" edited by Timothy R. Montes and César Ruiz Aquino on Nov. 30 at the PEN International Conference, Silliman University, Dumaguete.

"Tribute" contains the "best stories of Filipino writers in a memorial anthology for the late Edilberto K. Tiempo." It includes the literary masterpieces of 23 fictionists, among them Gina Apostol, César Ruiz Aquino, Carlos Ojeda Aureau, Erwin Castillo, Carlos Cortez, Jose "Butch" Y. Dalisay, Maria Victoria Kapauan, Susan S. Lara, Jaime An Lim, Raymond Llorca, C.J. Maraan, Timothy R. Montes, Charlson Ong, Kerima Polotan, Danton Remoto, Aida Rivera-Ford, Eileen Tabios, Anthony L. Tan, Bobby Flores-Villasis, Ernesto Superal Yee and Alfred A. Yuson. His wife, National Artist for Literature Edith Tiempo, and daughter Rowena Torrevillas, have also contributed to this memorable collection.

Doc Ed or, as he is more fondly called by his students, "Dad," together with wife Edith ran the Silliman National Writers Summer Workshop since 1962, even during the times when holding it became nearly impossible because of funding crises. Today, Edith keeps the national writer's workshop going five years after Doc Ed's demise.

Poetess-critic Ophelia Dimalanta in Bacolod

OPHELIA Alcantara-Dimalanta, one of the country's foremost poet-critics, will lecture on "The Female Voice in Angela Manalang Gloria's Poetry: A Re-reading" on Nov. 28 at the University of St. La Salle in Bacolod City.

The lecture is part of the Philippine Literary Arts Council's year-long lecture series on dead Filipino literary masters. The Bacolod leg is co-sponsored by St. La Salle and the University of Santo Tomas Center for Creative Writing and Studies, of which Dimalanta is the director.

On the same day, there will be a poetry reading by PLAC members. To join the reading is Dr. Elsa Coscoluella, award-winning poet and dramatist and vice president for academic affairs of St. La Salle.

Landmark monolingual dictionary

THE UP Sentro ng Wikang Filipino and Anvil Publishing Inc. will launch the UP Diksiyonaryong Filipino, a comprehensive monolingual dictionary, on Nov. 29, 5 p.m. at the Hardin ng mga Diwata, Bulwagang Rizal, UP Diliman, QC.

A product of more than five years of extensive research by distinguished writers, researchers and scholars on the Filipino language led by chief editor Virgilio S. Almario and sub-editors Roberto T. Añonuevo, Romulo P. Baquiran Jr. and Jesus Manuel Santiago, the UP Diksiyonaryong Filipino contains over 100,000 words that include ethnic languages in the Philippines and modern languages of the world. It made use of the 28 letters of the Filipino alphabet and incorporated new, colloquial and old languages that are being used in the country today. It also details the correct and appropriate pronunciation, syllabication, use, variants and meanings of words to help guide users in understanding the Filipino language better.

A free whole-day seminar in lexicography for school heads, teachers and librarians will be held Nov. 29, 9-4 p.m. at the LS Virata Hall, Development Academy of the Philippines Building, San Miguel Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City. The seminar will showcase the lectures of prominent scholars in the field of Filipino linguistics and will highlight the following topics: "The History of Dictionary Writing in the Philippines" (speaker: Fr. Jose Mario C. Francisco, director, East Asian Pastoral Institute, Ateneo de Manila University), "Lexicography as a Domain of Linguistics" (speaker: Dr. Mario I. Miclat of the UP Asian Center and former director of UP Sentro ng Wikang Filipino), "The Process of Putting Together the UP Diksiyonaryong Filipino" (speaker: Prof. Virgilio S. Almario, chief editor, UPDF), and "The Future of Lexicography in the Philippines" (speaker: Dr. Jonathan Malicsi of the UP Linguistics Department). Call R.M. Galang-Monis or Lina Gutierrez of Anvil at 671-9235/1899.

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Hackers launch attack to 'teach' RP a lesson

BY ERWIN LEMUEL G. OLIVA

A GROUP of so-called "white hat" Filipino hackers called Asian Pride launched a series of attacks last Saturday on several local websites. The hackers, who apparently are based outside the Philippines, claim they are out to teach Filipino local Internet service providers (ISPs) a lesson in Internet security.

Calling it "the 4 o Clock project," Asian Pride, which claims to be composed of Filipino freelance security enthusiasts, was allegedly able to intrude into the servers of local ISP Mosaic Communications Inc. (MosCom), uploading executable programs that would eventually modify a website's main page.

White hat hackers claim that they are not out to cause any damage, but only hack into systems to test vulnerabilities.

Jerry Liao, operations manager of local portal Brainshare Online at www.brainshare.com.ph, claimed that they were among the first to report the incident to MosCom administrators on Saturday morning.

Apart from Brainshare Online, the group also defaced the website of broadcast giant ABS-CBN. For his part, Liao said that they detected problems around 7:30 a.m. on Saturday. According to Liao, Brainshare Online was restored around 7:45 a.m. that day, but at around 9 a.m. he received error messages, as the server could not be accessed.

In a separate interview, Robertson Chiang, vice president for technology of MosCom, said that the ISP decided to direct surfers to another server after getting reports of the hacking incident on Saturday,

"It was only an attack on one machine. It was an old one where we host a few dozen clients," Chiang said.

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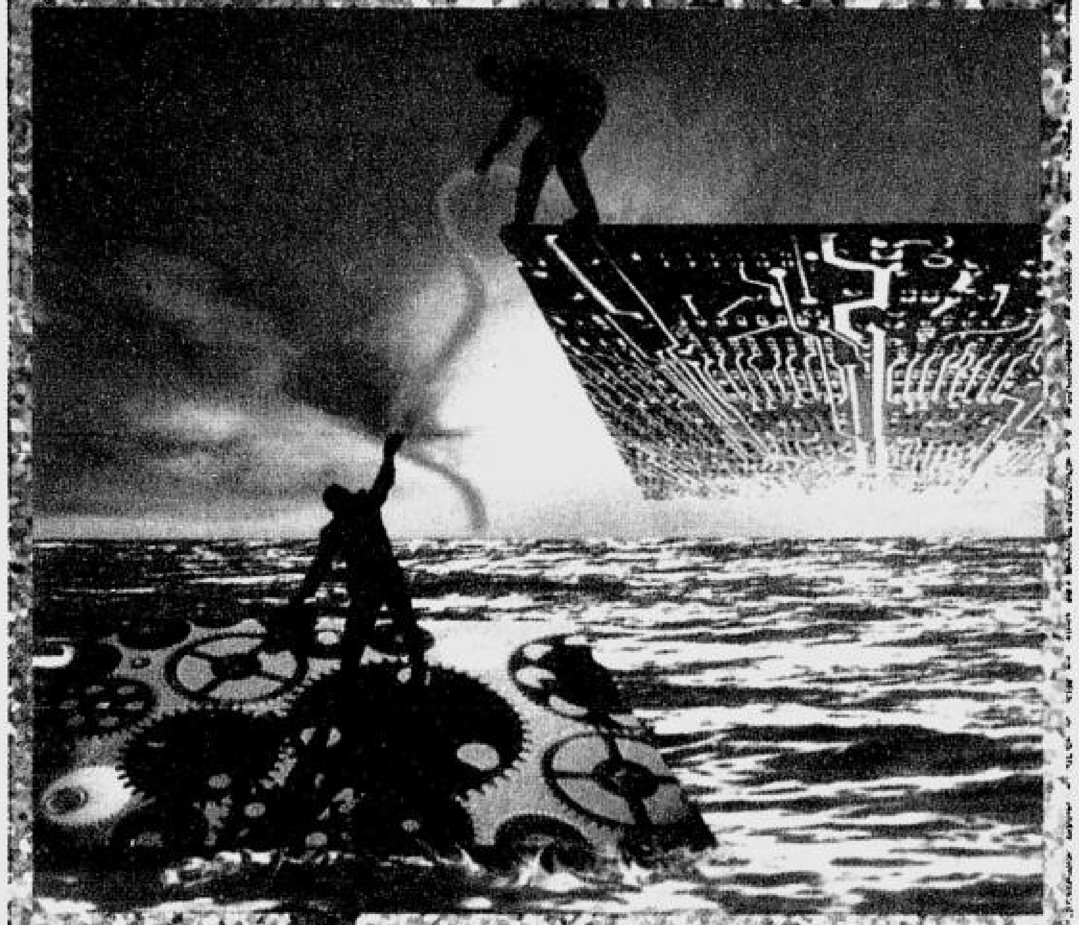

RP hackers plan to go legit; NBI says they could go to jail

BY ERWIN OLIVA

LOCUSTS.ORG, a group of young Filipino hackers, wants to set up a non-profit organization that will help Philippine authorities make the Internet more secure in this country.

Composed of students and system administrators currently either doing freelance or full-time work, Locusts.org members said they were willing to volunteer their "services" to the PH-CERT (Philippine Computer Emergency Response Team) or the National Bureau of Investigation's Anti-Fraud and Computer Crimes Division (AFCCD).

However, the NBI's AFCCD said it has evidence linking Locusts.org to numerous computer crimes.

"The offer is good but we have to consider that there were numerous computer crimes that could be attributed to Locusts.org," said Palmer Mallari, supervising agent of the AFCCD.

Mallari said the group has allegedly been involved in using stolen credit card numbers, website defacements, the launching of viruses and other computer crimes which are now punishable in the Philippines under the E-Commerce Law.

Mallari said that if Locusts.org members want to come out in the open, they

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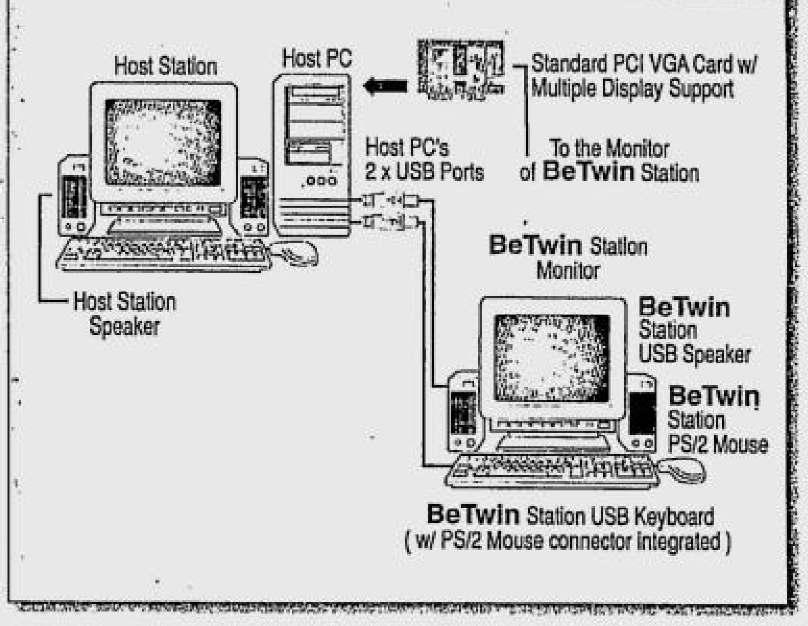
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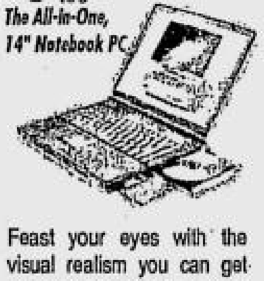

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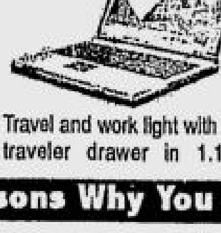

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Microsoft tries to curb piracy with XP

By Abigail L. Ho

SOFTWARE giant Microsoft Corp. disclosed that it loses over $8 billion a year because of rampant worldwide software piracy.

Microsoft Asia business development general manager Mark Phibbs told the Inquirer that over $3 billion of its lost revenues come from Asia, one of the regions with the highest piracy rates.

Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe had the highest piracy rates in the world, Phibbs said.

In the Philippines, he said most of the company's revenues come from corporate clients because of the Philippines' high 61-percent piracy rate.

"There's a consumer market here, but it's a bit small because of piracy," he said.

Despite this, Phibbs said they would still continue to do business in the country. Proof of this was the Philippine launch of Microsoft's latest operating system, Windows XP, early last week.

He said the new software package had a product activation feature that could possibly reduce piracy.

Product activation technology requires a new user to activate his copy of XP in order to use it.

According to the Microsoft website, "it is an anti-piracy technology designed to verify that software products have been legitimately licensed.

"This aims to reduce a form of piracy known as casual copying. Activation is quick, simple, and unobtrusive, and it protects your privacy," he said.

However, Phibbs admitted that even with this feature, some people could still get away with piracy.

"This can still be broken because we don't want to cause too much inconvenience to our users," he said.

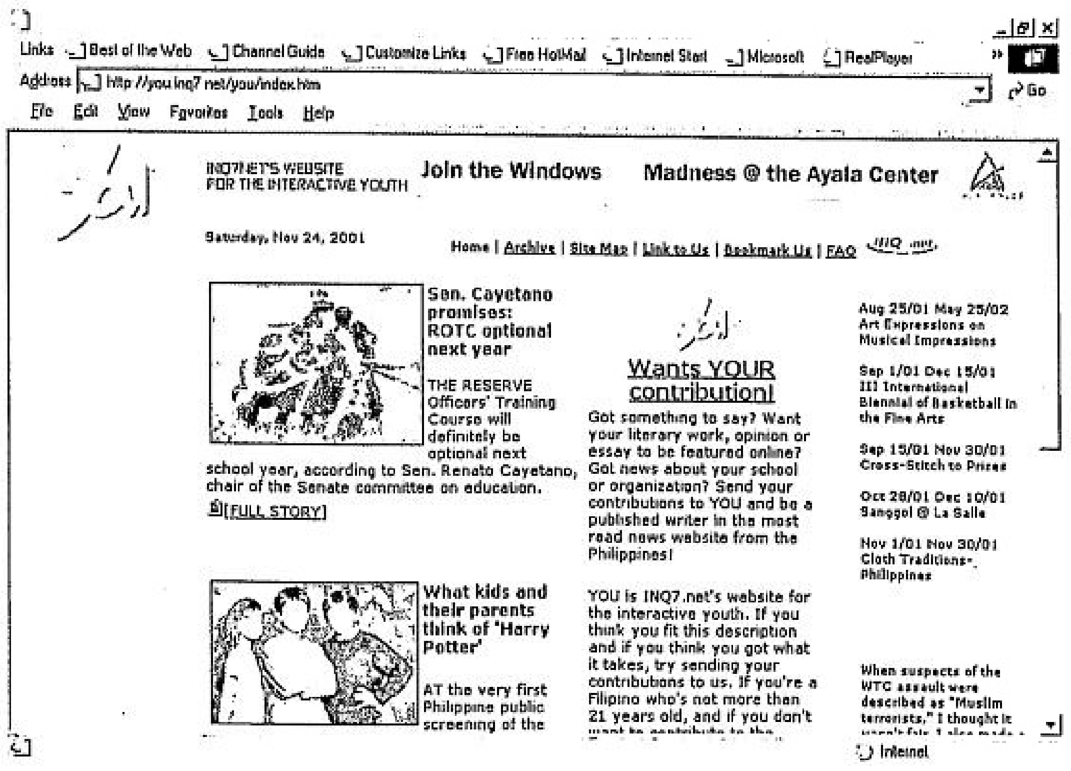
Although the feature was not exactly foolproof, Phibbs said it could still reduce the effect of piracy on their bottom line, but it was still too early to tell by how much.

Another feature of Windows XP is remote assistance. This enables Microsoft regional assistance center experts to troubleshoot the personal computer of an XP user even from a distant place.

Phibbs said Microsoft has its Asian assistance center in Shanghai with over 1,000 employees, although the Philippines could also make a good regional assistance center because of its highly skilled, English-speaking people.

"The Philippines should focus on its strengths, like call centers, programming and technical skills, as it moves to be recognized as a knowledge economy," he said.

Phibbs added that there are a lot of business opportunities for Filipinos, especially in the field of regional assistance centers, because of the country's good human resource base.



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still have to face possible raps that will be filed against them.

Locusts.org spokesperson Eyestrain is not surprised at he NBI's reaction.

"*Handa naming panagutan ang* liabilities *namin.* Expected *na namin 'yan. Kaso, kapag hindi kami nag*-act, *hindi matitigil 'yung pagwasak sa* reputation *ng* information technology industry *natin* (We are willing to be liable for the consequences of our actions. We expected that. But if we don't act, the damage to the reputation of our information technology industry won't stop)," Eyestrain said in Filipino-English. "We know we have done (something) wrong... But we have proof, which can help them pursue other groups out to destroy computer systems."

The NBI's Mallari, however, said that the AFCCD could only go after hacker groups like Locusts.org only after a private complaint is filed. Without a complaint, the local authority can only go as far as gathering information on the activities of the local hackers.

Since the start of the year, at least 15 computer crime cases had been filed with the local courts here in Manila, according to Mallari. But no suspected computer crackers have been convicted yet.

For their part, PH-CERT said it welcomes the plan of Locusts.org to become a legitimate security solutions firm. PH-CERT, however, expressed apprehension over accepting the offer of Locusts.org to help out authorities and security organizations.

"You have to know who they are, and who you're dealing with. Are they trustworthy?" said Kelsey Hartigan Go, vice president of PH-CERT.

PH-CERT is a non-profit organization organized last year to help the country become more aware of the need for Internet security. PH-CERT, however, has no other sources of funding except fees it charges members. Work at PH-CERT is also voluntary, considering that most members have day jobs.

In an interview with the Inquirer, Locusts.org member Eyestrain—who has gained international notoriety after a series of hack attacks and subsequent media coverage—said that the group is also thinking of setting up a mailing list on Net security.

"There are now more hackers out there trying to break into the servers here in the Philippines and Asia," said the bespectacled Eyestrain.

The group's plan to become legitimate comes in the heels of a series of attacks launched by the group known as Asian Pride Crew. Asian Pride Crew and Locusts.org (or at least hackers who claim to belong to these groups) have tangled in the past, taunting each other in the messages they leave on defaced sites.

For his part, a Locusts.org member codenamed Cloner, said that "experience" they have gained from hacking into the servers of local Internet service providers (ISPs) can help authorities go after other hackers such as Asian Pride.

Both hackers agreed with the saying, "it takes a thief to catch another thief."

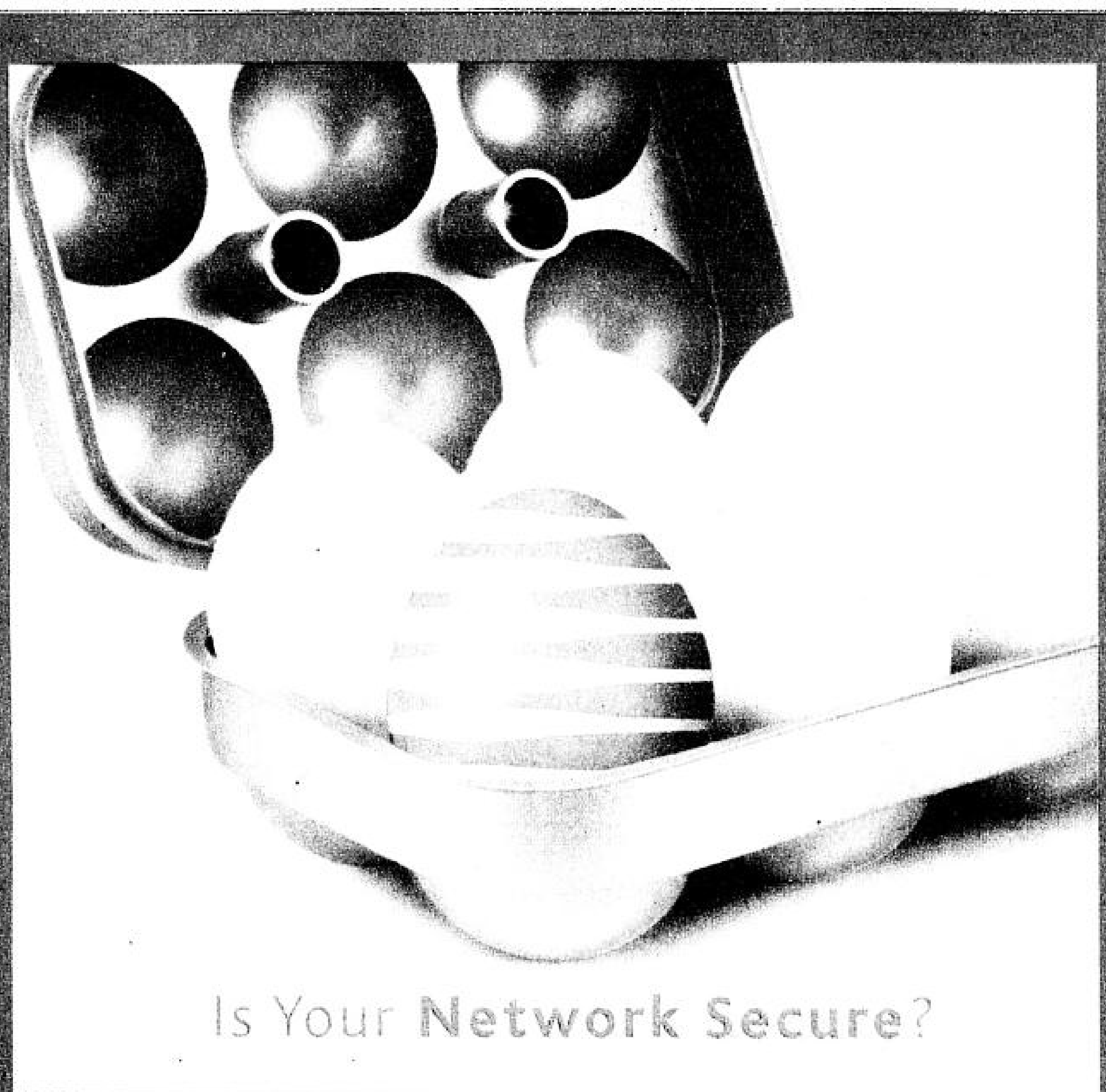
Locusts.org is currently composed of eight members—some of whom are students. They claim to have have hacked into a lot of systems in the Philippines and have "gained access" to servers run by local ISPs.

But unlike Asian Pride, which they claimed is on a mission to deface most "PH" websites, Locusts.org said it "practices restraint." In fact, they claimed that other groups had "set up" Locusts.org to make it appear that Locusts.org is behind the defacing of some local websites.

Eyestrain, for instance, said that the defacement of the GMA Network website was made to appear as the work of Locusts.org. The group denied being behind the attack.

"We're trying to be a legitimate security group to help the local IT industry not for profit but for the fullfillment of our passion, yet our reputation is on the line for crimes we didn't commit," Eyestrain told the Inquirer via e-mail.

The group claims it has already registered their organization with the Securities and Exchange Commission, according to their website.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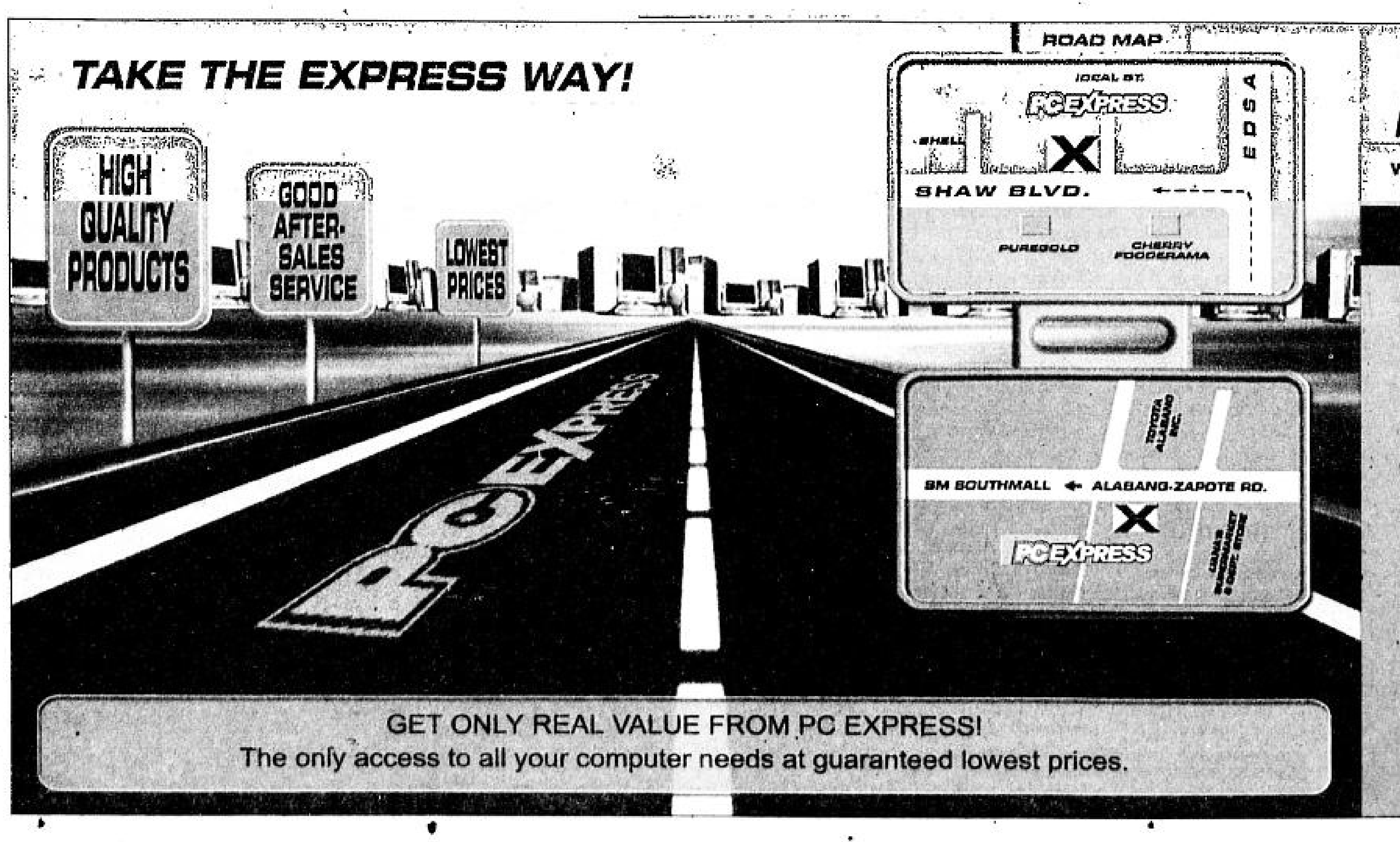

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New Samsung phone ready to slug it out in the market

By Leo Magno

MY last two cellular phones have all been non-Nokia. These were the Philips Xenium I won during the Philips Survival Challenge in Boracay and lately I have been using a Samsung SGH-R220 with a Touch Mobile prepaid account.

Thanks to the Samsung phone, I can now be accessed through my Globe account, my Smart account and now through my Touch Mobile (formerly Islacom) account. If you're from the credit card company, however, don't bother calling me. My pockets are bulging with three cellular phones enough to make Jasper green with envy (*may bagong ssselfone din ako*, Jasper!). Everytime I review cellular phones I feel like a cowboy bulging at the hips.

But with the SGH-R220, I don't need to worry about bulges anymore. This phone is so light (only 99 grams) and small—about the size of an 8250 (it also has the same blue color of the 8250).

The phone is not SIM-locked to Touch Mobile. You can also use it with any Globe SIM (Globe Telecom owns Islacom). Let's take a look at some of the features I liked about this phone.

First, the superficial. I like the blue color display akin to the 8250. Aside from the display, the keypad backlight also sports the same color. The flashing LED indicator can also change color—from green to red to violet to blue, depending on how schizophrenic you are.

Speaking of schizophrenia, the phone has several personalization features enough to suit even those who have identity problems. One cool feature of the SGH-R220 is that you can select a color for incoming calls. Ring tone colors include green, orange, red, violet and blue, which you can set depending on the caller. Red for a loved one, blue for an official call, orange for friends, green for fellow kidnappers, violet for your terrorist contacts—whatever turns you on.

The keypad is crunchy like that of the Philips Xenium—just the way I like it—although the keys have a slightly annoying way of making a clicking sound even when you turn the keypad tones off.

Speaking of tones, the SGH-R220 has only 20 of them, but I like Tone No. 11 so much I even call myself up just to make it ring (it's the alien tune in the "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" theme song). Pretty stupid, really, since you can just go to the ringing tones menu and make the phone ring all you want. But hey! You won't believe the stupid things you'll do while you're bored at the office waiting for stories to edit.

What's even better is the composer function of the phone. Yes, Virginia, you can create your own ringing tones with the SGH-R220 and even download pre-composed tones.

The phone's menu system, however, is a bit disappointing. Although it still follows the usual tree-menu system like that of Panasonic phones, the Nokia menu system still has an edge over the other phones. A possible exception is the carousel menu system of the Philips which is much easier to navigate.

In terms of phonebook memory, the Samsung can slug it out with the others, having 100 name slots. It has built-in moving graphics as a screen saver, the T9 predictive text input which allows you to press a key just once in a series to complete a word, vibrator mode, three games (Casino, Mole and Hexa), conference call, hands-free set, calculator, one-touch WAP Internet access, calendar, scheduler and nifty world time feature. A map of the world is displayed on screen with a line crossing vertically. Move that line left or right and you get the times in different areas of the world, displayed both graphically and as text. This can be done because the tiny SGH-R220 has a large screen. Why? Because this is also a WAP phone. Not that you can use WAP that much nowadays since there's not too many WAP applications around, but if you want to, you can view WAP data from the Internet.

Battery life is avearge. The SGH-R220 churns out a decent 3.5 hours of talktime and five days of standby time. It's better than the 36-hour standby time of my aging Nokia 7110, but when you're used to the Philips' 10-day standby time, you just can't help but make the comparison.

Finally, there's picture messaging. The SGH-R220 has 10 built-in images which are replaceable when you download new ones. And yes, this picture messaging capability is compatible with Nokia. This feature of the SGH-R220 is key since the market is moving beyond just SMS and into image-sharing.

Overall, the Samsung SGH-R220 is an attractive phone in a very small package. Its lines are smooth, its colors are vibrant, fits snugly in your palm and pocket and has more than average features. It may not be as handy as the SGH-A200 (another phone you should get your hands on, if you have money to burn this Christmas), but it's targeted squarely at the younger set of consumers, like this writer, for example. Ahem.

And so, the last two phones I have used are non-Nokias. About seven out of 10 cellular phones in the country are Nokias, and that figure just might make me look a bit strange since the rest of the country's hordes of users own Nokias. But in an age of individuality and personalization, having a stylish, light and feature-packed phone like the Samsung SGH-R220 might prove to be a sane thing to do in today's crazy cellular phone market.

1st cell phone with built-in camera

IF somebody holds up a Nokia 7650 to your face and says: "Say cheese!", I suggest you really do smile. Why? Because the 7650 is the first cellular phone with a built-in camera in the world, and it will be launched in the Philippines second quarter next year.

Nokia recently introduced the prototype of the 7650, and although the demo units weren't sharp yet, the company says the commercial units that will ship in 2002 will virtually be a digital camera that can send you pictures wirelessly to any e-mail or server online.

Partnering with Fuji Film for the camera technology and with the Symbian operating system, the 7650 has a huge color display with a graphical user interface navigable by a tiny joystick. Fuji, by the way, is free to partner with other cell phone manufacturers.

Nokia is betting big on person-to-person messaging, which includes not only text but graphics and images as well. SMS (short messaging service) or text messaging and picture messaging via graphics is already being done, and pretty soon—with the 7650 and other phones with cameras that will be introduced by other manufacturers—sending JPEG pictures wirelessly will be a reality. After pictures, the act of capturing, sending and receiving moving video will become a reality.

This is all part of the multimedia messaging service (MMS) concept, which is seen to supplant the current SMS standard. With MMS, one can still send the usual SMS but will also be able to send other types of media as well (audio, video, graphics, etc.)

Nokia is moving in the right direction, what with the advent of GPRS (general packet radio system) and 3G (third generation) cellular technology. By the time the 7650 ships middle of next year, the infrastructure should already be in place. Nokia Philippines officials are confident that MMS will be made available by both Globe Telecom and Smart Communications by the middle of 2002.

The 7650 naturally has huge storage, with 4Mb of space which the pictures share with the contact database, the graphical operating system and other applications. *Leo Magno*

Hackers launch . . .

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Asked how the hackers were able to get into the server, he said that considering it was an "old Unix machine," they were not able to patch security holes.

"It was partly our fault," he added.

Liao said that MosCom was able to restore "normal" operations between 6 and 7 p.m. on Saturday.

"The server was completely reformatted using a new system that already includes the security patches," Chiang said.

MosCom is now conducting an inventory of all its servers, to check if similar security problems exist in the "new" systems.

"It's been a long time, I hope you can wake those arrogant administrators, especially those with PH-CERT (Philippine Computer Emergency Response Team). We tried to warn and help them on securing (local) websites, but they just laughed at us and ignored us," the hacker codenamed "dcoder" told the Inquirer via e-mail.

"So my fellow haxor keech of FDN (Filipino developers network) organized a project called 4 o Clock, where we will be defacing all ph sites, to give these administrators a wake-up call. I can't explain much right now, but if you read all the messages on the selected defacements, it might give you an idea on what we are fighting for," dcoder added.

In the mirror of the defaced Brainshare Online website, Asian Pride explained:

"The 4 o Clock project is a system composed of Filipino freelance security enthusiasts that aims to disseminate the importance of Information security here in the Philippines. This team has conducted a survey, scanning random (website) hosts and informing the people (Internet service provider administrators) about (problems). (We then) encourage them to fix their servers. We have no intention, however, of destroying, and/or hijacking information...We are not paid to do this."

Liao somewhat agreed. He observed that while the hackers were able to "penetrate" MosCom's servers, they did not delete or destroy any files. The hackers uploaded programs (executable files) that will only run when a website administrator begins uploading the new main page (index) into the server. The program blocks anyone from uploading into the server, but prompts the user to download a new file, which includes a message explaining the purpose of the defacement.

Liao, however, said that the hackers also offered the option not to accept the new file. "It sort of gives you permission to delete the files," he added.

Asian Pride claimed that "more than 90 percent of (MosCom's) servers can be exploited through common vulnerabilities, therefore jeopardizing the security of their clients as well as their office."

The group said that they have warned administrators of MosCom of vulnerabilities, "but were just subjected to insult, despite their professional approach."

"They scorned us with their witty remarks, bragging about their degrees, and that we knew less. So what did they accomplish? Absolutely nothing productive," the group added.

Local websites hit by the hackers were hosted at the virtual server with the address at kenshin.mozcom.com.

"This ain't no kiddy games, and we ain't your average script kiddies. We broke into these sites not randomly, but we targeted specific sites, especially those sites that are 100-percent secure," Asian Pride said.

The hackers are out to target other Philippine ISPs, and dcoder claimed that the next victim might be PhilOnline.

MosCom's Chiang, however, insisted that these hackers are only script kiddies.

Other alleged members of the group include "sch1z0phr3n1c," "jollogs," "jayv[ec," "marcster," "batusai_slasher," and "keech."

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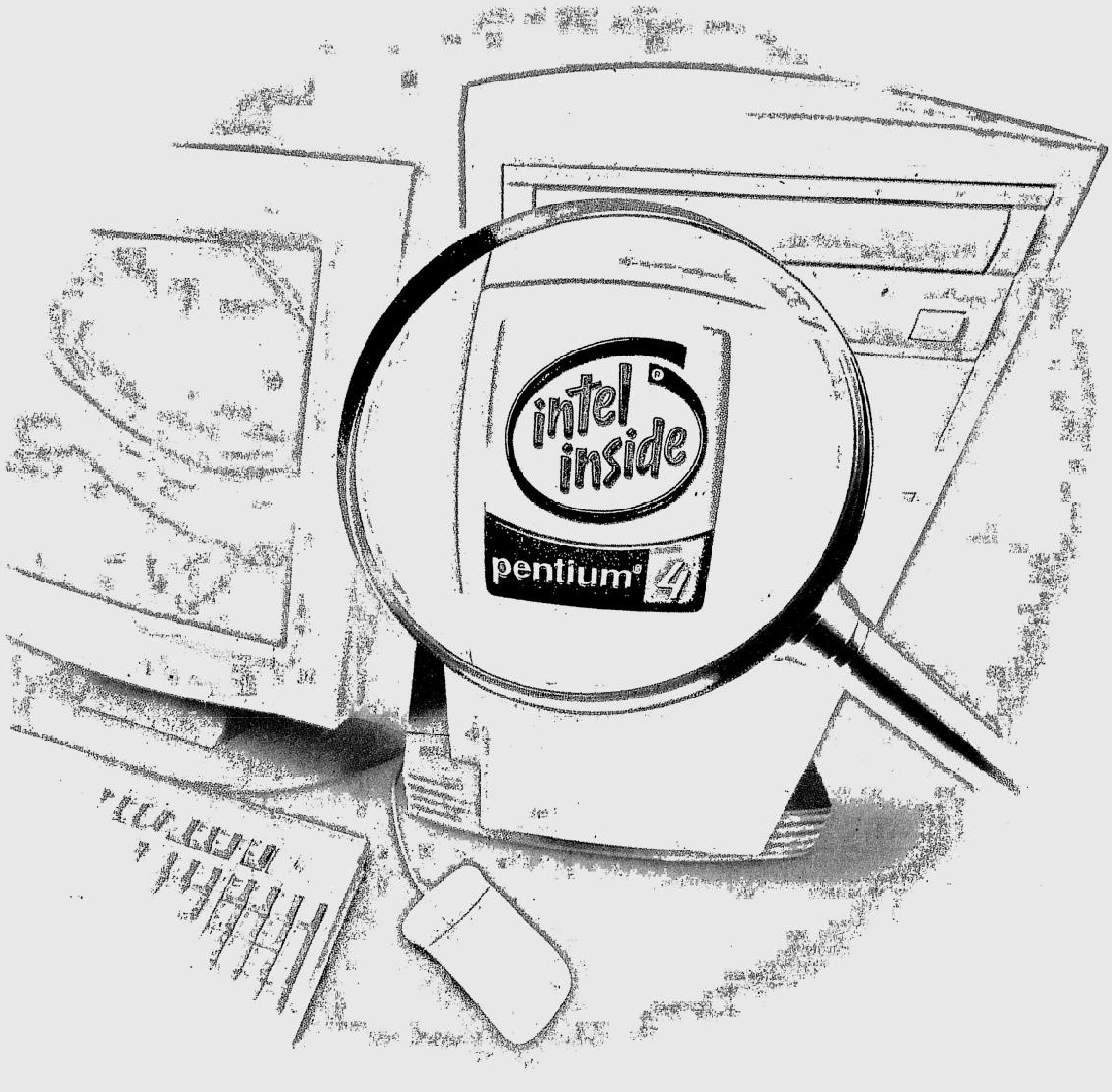

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